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The Board of Review
Attention: Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

2 August 1945

Loss of Accrued Leave by Colonel Brewer

Attached is original of your memorandum of 28 July 1945 to the Acting Director, together with your file on the above subject.

The opinion of the General Counsel and the Acting Director's approval of your recommendation against reimbursement of Colonel Brewer are indicated on the face of your memorandum.

Robert Thrun
Acting Executive
Officer

CC: Director's Files ✓
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General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

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26 July 1945

To: Acting Director

Subject: Loss of Accrued Leave by Col. Brewer

1. The attached memorandum from the Chief, Special Funds Division, outlines a situation whereby Col. Brewer has lost accrued army leave for the period from 26 April 1943 to 23 October 1943. During that period Col. Brewer was on active duty in the Army but on 23 October 1943 was placed on inactive duty at the request of OSS to take up duty for 90 in Stockholm. Since Government regulations forbid the payment of accrued leave for an officer who goes on inactive duty and then accepts other Government employment, Col. Brewer lost a total of 38 days of leave.
2. The Board of Review believes that this situation is similar to that involving two Naval officers who had gone on inactive duty and were subsequently employed as civilians by the Navy, thereby losing their mustering out pay and accrued leave. The Board of Review recommended in their case that no reimbursement be made to them from Special Funds, primarily because such reimbursement would represent action contrary to Government regulations and because there did not seem to be a real loss to the two individuals involved. That recommendation was approved by the Assistant Director after concurrence by the Deputy Director, Intelligence Services.
3. In the case of Col. Brewer regulations would similarly forbid the payment of accrued leave and the use of OSS funds would circumvent such regulations. Further, it would seem that the amount of real loss is not substantial since Col. Brewer, by going inactive, then received the benefit of a civilian salary of \$6225.52 per annum (including overtime) plus \$2000 as a living and quarters allowance. These amounts are considerably higher than the \$5000-\$5500 he would have received as a lieutenant colonel on active duty. The Board accordingly recommends that no reimbursement from OSS funds be made to Col. Brewer for accrued military leave.

For the Board of Review,

J. S. Morgan
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Board of Review
Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
Funds for Area "F"

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 12 July 1945 to the Director together with your file on the above subject.

Please observe the added notation incorporating the language recommended by the General Counsel providing for personal certification by the Deputy-Director - Schools and Training before expenditures of this type are made.

Also note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the second page of your memorandum.

Robert Thrun
Assistant Executive
Officer

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CC: Director's Files ←
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OPS FORM 8001a

Date 24 July 1955To: General Donovan

Since the procedure contemplated by the Board of Review in its memorandum to you provides for personal certification by the Deputy Director - Schools and Training before expenditures of this type are made I believe that this memorandum is in order for your approval.

A notation to this effect incorporating the language recommended by the General Counsel has been typed on the 2nd page of the memorandum above the space for your signature.

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See no legal objection to this revised recommendation of B of R. In this form the Govt should be saved some money. It is most important, I feel, that the Deputy Director, Training, be required to personally pass upon & certify that all 202 reproductions are necessary and confidential and could be obtained from other sources.

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12 July 1945

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Funds for Area "P".

1. The Board of Review has considered with representatives of the General Counsel's Office, Finance Branch and Schools & Training the attached memorandum from Dr. McConaughy requesting that certain expenditures at Area "P" be paid for from vouchered funds.

2. On the subject of supplies and materials previously purchased from the training and special activities funds, the Board believes that there should be a trial period during which all procurement is done from vouchered funds and through Procurement and Supply Branch. One objection in the past to this procedure has been the need for immediate spot purchases of small items such as paint, plumbing fixtures and the like, but an attempt should be made by Schools & Training and Procurement and Supply to meet this by building up, from vouchered funds, a small store of the standard items of this nature likely to be needed. A member of Schools & Training should also be trained in procurement procedures, in cooperation with Procurement and Supply Branch, so that the necessary paper work can be accomplished expeditiously and efficiently.

3. The use of vouchered funds for the type of items other than materials and supplies covered by Dr. McConaughy's memorandum is not entirely satisfactory, whether .001 or .002 funds are used. .002 funds are subject to scrutiny by the General Accounting Office and their use is often made subject to the same rules as if .001 funds were utilized. And under usual Government regulations, the use of funds for such items as meals for visiting baseball teams, orchestras for occasional dances and other like items would not be clear. In addition, it is not certain that vouchered funds could be used for the purchase of supplementary rations which for all other areas are financed from unvouchered funds.

4. On the other hand, the use of .003 funds for such items would not normally be justifiable, since the lease is paid from vouchered funds and the operation of Area "P" is not in itself strictly confidential. However, the rehabilitation program does have certain confidential aspects and, in cases of a secret or confidential nature, .003 funds may be used.

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without regard to laws and regulations relating to the expenditure of money, provided that the expenditure is necessary for the secret or confidential activity. The Board therefore believes that .003 funds should not be used for orchestras, extra meals, supplementary rations or any other item except in those cases where the Deputy Director, Schools & Training, personally certifies that such an item is necessary for rehabilitation purposes and that no method of obtaining the item other than payment therefor by OSS is available. This latter condition would require that Schools & Training make an attempt, as in the case of hiring an orchestra, to secure one from the US or other comparable organizations and, if that proves not to be possible, that the Deputy Director, Schools & Training, certify that the expenditure is necessary for rehabilitation purposes. This principle would also require that every effort be made to build up company funds to cover to the greatest extent possible the type of expenditure here involved.

5. No fund should be made available, but reimbursement for expenditures should be made upon individual vouchers certified as above. Under such a procedure, the Board believes that the use of .003 funds might be appropriate for the items other than materials and supplies covered by Dr. McCaughy's memorandum.

For the Board of Review:

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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Approved subject to the condition that the Deputy Director - Schools and Training, personally pass upon and certify that all .003 expenditures are necessary and confidential and can not be obtained from other sources.

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William J. Donovan
Director

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Board of Review
Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
X-2 (Inside) Office in Paris

26 July 1945

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 12 July 1945 to the Acting Director together with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on your memorandum.

The suggested cable from X-2 Branch has been dispatched.

General Donovan's note to the Executive Officer on the face of your memorandum is being acted upon by the latter.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

CC: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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Mr. Murphy

26 July 1945

Executive Office

X-2 (Inside) Office in Paris"

The Director has instructed that you furnish this office with a full report upon the activities, expenditures and results of the office operated by Mr. Grey in Paris for the past fiscal year.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: 19 July 1945

TO: General Donovan

FROM: Colonel Bruce *DLB*

SUBJECT: Attached memorandum "X-2 (Inside) Office in Paris"

1. I think Grey's continuance in his present position is most important.

2. I agree with the suggestion that he make his financial accountings to Washington.

3. I am not qualified to pass on the amount of money that he requires, but should think that the sum of \$3000 per month would be adequate. The item in the February 1-June 30, 1945 report for "Purchase of information, payments to Agents and Agents expenses" (882,090.00 francs) is, I assume, a non-recurring one, and that expenses in this category can be very considerably reduced.

4. Undoubtedly a hardship is imposed - especially in Paris - by using the approximately official rate of exchange, but I do not see how an exception can be made in Grey's particular case, and believe that he must be treated as are all other OSS representatives in France.

*TO
Mr. C. H. T. M.*

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The Acting Director

12 July 1948

SUBJECT: X-2 (Inside) Office in Paris.

1. The attached papers, consisting of a memorandum from the Chief, Special Funds Division to the Board of Review and a suggested cable from K-2 Branch, raise the question of the appropriate authorization for

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(a) Future expenditures during the coming fiscal year in the amount of \$3,000 per month for the office of Mr. Charles Gray;

(b) Past expenditures

(b) Past expenditures for which 12,000,000 French francs have been advanced and \$48,484.86 francs have been accounted for as of 31 May.

2. With reference to the authorization for the coming fiscal year in the amount of \$3,000 per month, the Chief of X-2 Branch has determined that this amount can be allocated for this purpose from the overall amount to be made available for X-2 Branch. The Board of Review has discussed with Mr. Murphy and Major Sharp the purposes and objectives of the office and believes that there can be no question concerning its justification from the point of view of present X-2 operations and possible post hostility operations. Only two questions can be raised concerning the appropriate procedures for the coming fiscal year. First, X-2 Branch desires that the accountings for the funds advanced to Mr. Grey shall be made in Washington and not through OSS Paris. In view of the complete severance of this office from the regular OSS operations in the European Theater, and particularly in light of the agreement between Colonel Forgan and General Donovan (the terms of which are summarized in Mr. Dimond's memorandum) whereby Colonel Forgan does not have responsibility for Mr. Grey's activities, the Board of Review recommends that the proposal of X-2 for the submission of accountings direct to Washington be adopted. The second problem relates to the rate of exchange to be used and charged to X-2 for the francs used in these operations. The Chief of X-2 Branch has raised the question as to whether X-2 ought to be charged at the official rate or at the rate at which the francs were actually purchased. This latter question has been raised before by various branches and it is our understanding that Special Funds Branch has established a system of "working" rates

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which approximate the official rates in practically all cases except China, where an approximate cost rate is used since the official rate would be prohibitive. The Board of Review recommends that no change be made in this policy and that the Branches be charged in accordance with the working rates. However, periodic readjustments in the working rates should be considered whenever the working rate is burdensome and unfair to the Branches by reason of a great divergence between such a rate and the actual rate of purchase.

3. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the proposal of X-2 Branch for Mr. Grey's activities during the coming fiscal year and that you initial the attached cable to Mr. Grey outlining the financial arrangements under which he is to operate. Any such approval will be understood to be dependent upon the availability of funds for GSS for the coming fiscal year.

4. The problem of approval of expenditures made in the past is complicated by the circumstances under which this activity was begun. Presumably, information concerning the opening of the office was given to General Donovan but no formal authorization for the expenditure of any particular amount of funds has even been made. X-2 determined that not more than \$10,000 per month would be made available to Mr. Grey and funds for this purpose were drawn from the Special Funds Officer in Paris with the approval of Colonel Fergan. Accountings were to be submitted to Washington, and the first of these for the amount of 949,454.80 francs for the period ending 31 May has now been submitted, leaving a balance of 1,051,515.80 to be accounted for. The Board of Review believes that the Director's Office should formally confirm the expenditure of not to exceed \$10,000 per month for this office for the period from February to June 1945, and that, within this limit, Special Funds Division-Washington should receive the accountings for such monies. The Board of Review does not itself make a recommendation so far as past expenditures are concerned since it has no familiarity with the operations of the office during the past fiscal year. Any funds expended for it, however, should constitute a charge against the budget for the fiscal year 1944-45.

For the Board of Review:



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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Attention: **The Board of Review**
 Mr. J. E. Morgan, Chairman
 Executive Office

 Night Shift Pay

26 July 1945

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 13 July 1945 to the Director on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel appears on the second page, and the Director's approval on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
General Counsel
Secretariat
Major Delafield
Mr. Ream

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13 July 1945

TO: The Director
 SUBJECT: Night Shift Pay.

1. In the latter part of 1943, the OSS Executive Committee recommended and there was approved a determination that OSS civilian personnel working on night shifts should receive an extra 15% of their base pay for such work. The regulations governing this increase, embodied in a memorandum signed by Colonel Sears as Chief of Services and approved by Colonel Buxton as Acting Director, provide that a night shift shall be construed as meaning a period of eight hours between 3:15 p.m. and 10:45 a.m. Payments for night shift work were made from OSS funds in the case of vouchered funds employees and from OSS funds for unvouchered funds employees, in accordance with an opinion of the General Counsel.

2. At the time that such determination was made, no law or regulation applicable to this Agency specifically provided for or set out the rules concerning payment for night shift work. However, the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, effective 1 July 1945, now makes general provisions for such pay. It provides that the compensation shall be 10% of the base pay, as compared with the 15% which OSS had been paying. It further provides that the extra pay shall be applicable only to the hours between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as compared with the hours between 3:15 p.m. and 10:15 a.m. for which OSS had been making payment.

3. There is no question in the mind of the Board of Review that the provisions of the Federal Employees Pay Act should now be followed by OSS and that this Agency's previous regulations relating to night shift pay, drawn up at a time when there was no applicable statute or regulation, should be terminated. All vouchered funds employees should be paid strictly in accordance with the Act and unvouchered funds employees should be paid on the same basis, but from OSS funds. In each case the extra amount of pay involved should be chargeable to the allocation for the coming fiscal year made to the Branches concerned.

4. The principal Branch affected by this change in night shift pay will be the Message Center of the Communications Branch. Major Delafield has already consulted with Mr. John Stacy and representatives of the Finance Branch and has worked out a

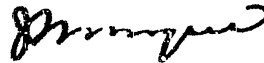
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procedure whereby payments for his personnel will conform to the provisions of the Act. In the event that any other personnel is affected, it is recommended that instructions be issued to the Chief, Finance Branch, the Deputy Director, Administrative Services, and the Chief, Civilian Personnel Branch, revoking the memorandum of 21 December 1943 as of 1 July 1945 and instructing that from 1 July 1945 forward payments for night shift work for both vouchered and unvouchered personnel should be in accordance with the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945. Such payments for unvouchered funds personnel should be made from GOS funds.

For the Board of Review:



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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21 July 1945

Board of Review
Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman

Executive Office

Special Devices for S. O.

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 21 July 1945 to the Director together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lt. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

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CC: Director's Files ✓
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General Counsel

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21 July 1945

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Special Devices for S.O.

1. Mr. W. M. Mayo has presented to the Board of Review on behalf of Mr. Louis Ream a recommendation by the Requirements Committee for the purchase of certain OSS special items to be used in the Far East. Procurement of these items has been approved by the Chief of S.O. Branch and Colonel Bigelow. In accordance with the procedures which evidently obtained last year, Administrative Services is willing to have this amount charged against its allocation from the 1945-46 appropriation.

2. It had been the impression of the Board of Review that the procurement of OSS special items was not to continue during the current year, and that Administrative Services had based its estimates of need for the current fiscal year upon the assumption that there would be no such procurement. However, in view of Administrative Services willingness to have these items charged against its budget and since they are to be used in the Far East for S.O. purposes, the Board of Review recommends approval of the allocation of the required amount of \$28,300 of vouchered funds therefor.

For the Board of Review:

J. S. Morgan
J. S. Morgan
Chairman

No legal objection to
Board's recommendation
A. Williams Asst. Dir.
Office of General Counsel 7/21/45

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Board of Review
 Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman

Executive Office

Five OSS Projects - CR-1, FBC, P.M., George Pratt and
George Project

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There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 13 July 1945 to the Director on the above subject.

Please note the opinion of the General Counsel, and the approval of the Director which appears on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
 Lieut. (jg), USNR
 Executive Officer

CC: Director's Files ✓
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 General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

13 July 1945

To: Director

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1. The Board of Review has been concerned for some time with the sizeable advances shown on the books of Special Funds Branch for five OSS Projects. As of 31 March 1945, advances for these five projects totalled \$1,820,346 and as of 26 June 1945, they totalled \$1,203,207.89. The Board of Review has been consulting with the various officers concerned to see whether or not proper accountings for each of the five projects can be submitted expeditiously in order that the funds advanced may be charged off and shown as proper expenditures. The Board would like to report its progress as follows for each of the five projects:

(a) CU-1 - the Columbia University Project for which Special Funds shows on its books advances totalling \$420,000, including a recent increase of \$50,000. We understand that a further increase of \$10,000 has been authorized. The project is in the hands of Lt. H. G. Wilson and he has reported to the Board that \$145,000 of the advance is being accounted for and that the remaining amounts, other than the advances for the coming fiscal year, will be taken care of shortly.

(b) FBI - as of 31 March advances of \$152,614 had been made but as of 26 June accountings had been submitted for all amounts except those necessary for current operations and the only advances shown on the books were those for the months of May and June. The total advances had thus been reduced to \$58,057.06.

(c) Pall - This project, for which \$375,000 has been advanced, is now being handled, we understand, by Lt. Comdr. McBaine. Comdr. McBaine has announced his intention of having a complete audit of the accounts and records of the project for the period prior to his taking over. The books for that period are being examined by representatives of Special Funds and the General Counsel's office. Upon the completion of such a study and of any further audit that may be necessary, Special Funds Branch should be in a position to transfer the advances to expenditures.

(d) George Pratt - \$331,532.50 has been advanced for which no accountings have been submitted. The Board of Review has seen Mr. Pratt during the past few days and has urged him to submit his accounting as specifically as possible and he has agreed to do so. Evidently,

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the larger portion of this amount consisted of funds made available by OSS through Mr. Pratt for French Trade Unions for support of the resistance movement. It is expected that Special Funds Branch and Mr. Pratt will be able to work out an accounting.

(e) George Project - Advances in the amount of \$218,745.33 are charged to the George Project. This amount evidently represents current expenses of the George Project for the year which will not be charged off to expenditures until appropriate accountings have been made. The study of the George accounts is being made at this time and upon its approval, Special Funds Branch should be in a position to change the advance to expenditures.

2. The Board of Review does not recommend any further action with respect to these advances but submits this memorandum for the information of the Director.

For the Board of Review,

J. E. Morgan
Chairman

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Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. R. H. I. Goddard
Executive Office

30 July 1945

Termination of Lease for George Office

1. Attached is original of your memorandum of 4 July 1945 to the Acting Director, together with your file on the above subject.

2. The opinion of the General Counsel and the Acting Director's approval appear on the second page of your memorandum. You will note that the settlement has been approved in a reduced amount as a result of further negotiations with the lessor.

Robert Thrun
Acting Executive Officer

cc: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

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4 July 1945

To: Acting Director

Subject: Termination of Lease for George Office

1. There is attached hereto a memorandum for Lt. (jg) John Howley, outlining the terms presented by Rockefeller Center for the termination of the lease covering the premises now occupied by the George office. In brief, the terms call for the payment of \$878.75 to cover partition charges and other alterations previously made, but with a cancellation of the remaining work; and in addition an amount equivalent to 2 1/2 months rent (\$978.75 from July 15 (i.e. until October 1) but with the privilege of occupancy until July 31. This latter proposal represents an abatement of 3 1/2 months rental from the full term of the lease.
2. This proposal has been discussed with Mr. Mowinkel who has stated that it seems generally to him to be satisfactory, but has urged that the views of Mr. Merrill of the New York office be obtained. Lt. Howley has informed the Board of Review that he has consulted with Mr. Merrill and they both believe that the proposal is the best possible under the circumstances.
3. The circumstances involve one feature which make this settlement slightly more unfavorable than might otherwise have been expected. George has insisted that the interest of the U. S. Government in the premises not be revealed to Rockefeller Center in view of the cover under which he has been operating in the past. Accordingly discussions with representatives of Rockefeller Center were carried on by George and the Center was not at any time informed of the Government's interest. It is possible that if the official connection of the United States were revealed, somewhat better terms of termination might be obtained. However, in view of the past history of this project and the cover which had been adopted, it would not seem appropriate at this moment to have the United States step into the picture.
4. The Board of Review accordingly recommends that you approve the termination proposal submitted by Rockefeller Center. In view of the undercover and confidential nature of this project the Board further recommends that

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you approve the allocation of the required amount of \$1857.50 from unvouchered funds for this purpose.

5. The Board of Review also recommends that this amount not constitute a charge against the regular operating budget of \$15,000 established for the George office, but that instead it be absorbed as a part of the cost to this Agency in cutting down to the amount permitted by the appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the current fiscal year.

For the Board of Review

R. H. I. Goddard
Member

The Board's recommendation as to the amounts to be paid are approved provided that the amount for the cancellation of the lease shall not exceed one and one-half months rental (i.e., \$587.25 instead of the proposed \$978.75). More favorable terms than the ones secured by George for the cancellation of the lease have been worked out with Rockefeller Center with the approval of the Security Office.

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Charles S. Cheston

C. S. Cheston
Acting Director

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No legal objection if proposal is obtainable and security will not permit disclosure of Govt's interest in hope of obtaining better one.

JR Schanner

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19 July 1945

Board of Review
Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
George Office

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 11 July 1945 to the Acting Director on the above subject.

You will note that the approval of the Director and the opinion of the General Counsel appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

CC: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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11 July 1945

TO: The Acting Director

SUBJECT: George Office

1. On 19 May 1945, the Board of Review recommended in a memorandum, a copy of which is attached, that in the absence of any approved budget for the George Office, that office should continue until 1 June on the basis of the amount previously authorized for it, namely \$6,816.50 per month.
2. The memorandum of 19 May 1945 has not received formal approval from the Director's Office. However, during the January-June period, Special Funds Branch had made advances to the George Office for its operations on the basis of the previously authorized amount of \$6,816.50 monthly.
3. Since the expenditures in question were consistent with the previous budget under which the George Office had been operating, the Board of Review believes that the only further step to be taken is formal approval by the Director's Office of this monthly amount for the period from 1 January to 1 June. The amounts advanced have already been expended and of course constitute a charge against the 1944-45 appropriation.
4. There is no problem with respect to the month of June for which separate authorization was given by the Director on the basis of the recommendation of the Board of Review, and of course the situation for the fiscal year 1945-46 is completely clear. The Board does recommend, however, approval of its memorandum of 19 May 1945 in order that Special Funds may have formal authorization for the amount advanced by it to cover the expenses of the George Office from 1 January to 1 June 1945.

For the Board of Review:

J. S. Forgan
J. S. Forgan
Chairman

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Attention: The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

7 July 1945

Outstanding Advances to Mr. Carl Rogers.

Attached herewith is the original of your memorandum of 30 June 1945 to the Acting Director, together with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Acting Director appear on the second page of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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30 June 1948

TO: The Acting Director

SUBJECT: Outstanding Advances to Mr. Carl Rogers.

1. The Chief, Special Funds Division, has requested that the Board of Review make a recommendation with respect to outstanding advances of \$1450 advanced in Washington, and 10,500 Swedish Kroner advanced by the Special Funds Officer in Stockholm, to Carl Rogers for which no accounting has been made. Mr. Rogers, a representative of the S. I. Labor Section in Stockholm in the early part of the war, was killed in an airplane crash in the course of a journey from Stockholm to London.

2. The advances to Mr. Rogers before he departed from the United States on his mission to Stockholm consisted of three items, as follows:

(a) \$2400 for the purchase of a letter of credit for official purposes;

(b) \$1440 for the purchase of American Express Traveler's Checks for official purposes; and

(c) \$150 in foreign currency for official purposes.

Upon Mr. Rogers' death, the letter of credit in the amount of \$2400 and unexpended Traveler's Checks in the amount of \$150 were found and, upon affidavit of Mr. G. J. Lonahan, the amounts represented thereby were recovered by OSS. The expended portion of the Traveler's Checks together with the foreign currency advances make up the \$1450 for which no accounting is on file.

3. Neither the personal effects of Mr. Rogers, an inventory of which has been obtained, nor the official records of this Agency reveal the manner in which the unaccounted for \$1450 and the 10,500 Kroner were expended. In view of Mr. Rogers' death, it is impossible to receive at this time any further explanation of these items.

4. The Board of Review does not believe it is desirable to pursue any inquiries with or claims against Mr. Rogers' estate. The estate is unlikely to be familiar with the details of Mr. Rogers' activities abroad and in fact security considerations would seem to dictate against any such inquiries being made of the estate at this time.

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The Acting Director

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5. The Board of Review believes that these monies can appropriately be assumed to have been expended for official purposes. It accordingly recommends that the amounts of \$1,000 and 10,000 Swedish Kroner now outstanding in Mr. Rogers' account be regarded as having been expended for official purposes and written off by the Finance Branch as such. All documents and information related to this matter should, however, be retained in a special file by the Finance Branch for information and study in the future by any proper authority.

For the Board of Review:

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

approved
Charles S. Cheatham
acting Director
7/5/45

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No legal objection in view
of security objections stated
by Board. *J. S. Cheatham*

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Board of Review
 Attention: R. H. J. Gaddard, Member
 Executive Office

Lease of Bancroft Place Property to House Present
 Georgetown Students.

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Board of Review
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 * Bancroft Place
 6 July 1945
 * Georgetown H.

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 4 July 1945 to the Acting Director together with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Acting Director for the use of vouchered funds appear on the face of your memorandum.

Robert Thum
 Assistant Executive
 Officer

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CONFIDENTIAL**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Washington, D. C.

6 July 1948.

To: Acting Director

Subject: Lease of Bancroft Place Property to
Hear Present Georgetown Students

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*Board of Review***Schubert**Incoming***George Brown U.***Bancroft Place*

1. There is attached a request from Col. Hogg for the approval of a lease of a residence at 2132 Bancroft Place, N.W. at a rental of \$500 per month. Schools & Training proposes to use this property in substitution for the present Far East Background School conducted at Georgetown University. This shift will bring about a saving of approximately \$3000 per month, since the present arrangements at Georgetown cost approximately \$3500 per month. There must be added, however, to the cost of the Bancroft Place lease an estimated \$500 per year for utilities and fuel oil.
2. The original plan of Schools & Training had been to move the Georgetown University training to the present site of the 7 School, combining it there with the instruction previously being given at RTU-1. However, according to Schools & Training, the operating branches have objected to the feature of such an arrangement whereby students would have to find their own living quarters in the city. At Bancroft Place, however, on the other hand, living quarters will be available in the residence and meals are easily procurable in a nearby business zone.
3. The Board has discussed with Col. Hogg the possibility of using RTU-1 for this purpose, since we understand that there are difficulties in surrendering the lease for RTU-1 before April 1, 1948. However, RTU-1 has been operated with civilian help, at a cost of approximately \$11,000 per year for that item alone. The present personnel situation would evidently not permit the installation of a station complement so that a continuation of training at RTU-1 would involve this expense. At Bancroft Place, on the other hand, no meals need be furnished and no station complement or civilian personnel will be required.
4. The Board of Review believes that the proposal made by Col. Hogg is sensible but it also believes that there should be a review of the situation after October 1 to determine whether RTU-1, if still an OSS obligation at that time, could not be staffed with a station complement and operated for this type of instruction. This

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would require that the lease on the Hancock Place property contain a thirty day termination clause.

The Board therefore is willing to recommend approval of the leasing of Hancock Place, subject to a review after October 1 as discussed above, provided that the lease contains a thirty days termination clause. The Board believes that although the existence of the school will be confidential, it should be possible to finance the lease and utilities from vouchered funds.

The Board of Review therefore recommends that you approve Col. Hogg's proposal and the allocation of the required amount of \$500 per month from vouchered funds therefor. It further recommends that you approve the allocation of not more than \$500 per year from vouchered funds for necessary utilities and that both these amounts constitute charges against the Schools & Training allocation for the coming fiscal year.

For the Board of Review,

R. H. I. Goldard
Member

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No Legal Objection
1/5 J R Schoemer

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Approved
1/5 Charles S. Huston
Acting Director

Recd 7/5/45
10:30 AM

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Board of Review
x Baker, Gibbs L.

30 June 1945

x Luther, Duane D

Attention: The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Messrs. Gibbs L. Baker and Duane D. Luther

There is attached herewith the original of your memorandum of 22 June 1945 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Assistant Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Rutzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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CONFIDENTIAL**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Washington, D. C.

22 June 1945

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Messrs. Gibbs L. Baker and Duane D. Luther

The Board of Review has discussed with the Naval Command the attached papers requesting reimbursement for two Naval officers who, after going on inactive duty in the Naval Reserve and accepting civilian employment with OSS, found that they were not entitled to receive terminal leave or mustering out pay. The papers raise the question of whether these items, which total \$715 in the case of Lt. Gibbs L. Baker and \$444.67 in the case of Lt. Duane D. Luther, can be paid to them from OSS funds.

These officers are disqualified from receiving terminal leave, which is ordinarily available to a man leaving one of the services, because Government regulations provide that terminal leave with pay will not be granted in the case of men who leave the service and immediately enter upon Federal employment. If the men had entered private employment they would have received their terminal leave, but as Commander Morgan points out in a memorandum on this subject, the loss in the case of terminal leave can be considered to be offset by reason of the increased salaries which the officers are now receiving as civilians.

In the case of mustering out pay, which would amount to \$200 for each officer, the men are disqualified under a Navy regulation which makes ineligible for mustering out pay personnel who are released from active duty at their own request in order to accept employment, unless they have served outside the continental U. S. or in Alaska. Neither of these officers had served outside the continental U. S. and accordingly they would not be entitled to mustering out pay whether they had accepted employment by OSS or had gone into private work.

The Board of Review does not believe that the circumstances of hardship are such as to justify the use of OSS funds for these payments. In addition, it regards as a controlling factor the circumstance that any payment by OSS would be, in effect, a circumvention of Navy or Federal Government regulations since the funds would be used to make payments which the regulations themselves do not allow. Under all these circumstances, the Board of Review recommends that OSS funds not be used for the payment of terminal leave or mustering out pay to these two Naval officers.

For the Board of Review:

[Signature]
J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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No legal objection
JR Schmeier

Attachments

recommendation of
board of review
is hereby approved
S. Schmeier
Director

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x Contracts

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Renewal of Contracts

Attached herewith is the original of
your memorandum of 21 June 1945 to the
Director, together with your file on the
above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the
General Counsel and the approval and in-
structions of the Assistant Director appear
on the last page of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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Washington, D. C.

21 June 1945

TO: The Director
 SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

1. The Board of Review has been receiving for the past several weeks memoranda respecting the renewal of certain contracts which expire at the end of the current fiscal year. In accordance with the principles established by Mr. Cheston's committee, the Board has made no recommendations on these requests until such time as the decisions of the committee and of the Director would enable it to appreciate better the circumstances of each Branch for the coming fiscal year.

2. In the light of these decisions, the Board believes that it can now make a recommendation on the following contracts which expire at the end of this year:

(a) Contract OSS-321, covering three buildings in Bethesda used by Communications Branch for warehouse purposes;

(b) Contract OSS-776 with Standard Oil Company of California, covering the purchase of gasoline, oil, grease and kerosene for the Schools & Training areas on the Pacific Coast;

(c) Contract OSS-312, representing the lease of the Congressional Country Club (Area 7-A);

(d) PSC-25 UNV contract with Georgetown University, covering Far East advanced training and instructional and

(e) Contracts OSS-32 and OSS-549 with Leland Stanford University, calling for the rendering of certain services to R. & A. Branch.

3. With respect to each of the above contracts, the Board of Review has consulted with the Branch representatives and they and the Board recommend, bearing in mind the new financial situation, the following with respect to each contract:

(a) Contract OSS-321 - to be renewed for the coming fiscal year, but with a 90-day termination clause as to

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any one building, since Communications Branch expects to be able to relinquish one building by 1 January 1945. The annual rental under this contract is \$10,280.

(b) Contract OSS-779 with Standard Oil Company of California - to be renewed, but with provisions which would allow complete cancellation on or before 1 October 1945.

(c) Contract OSS-219, Congressional Country Club - to be renewed, but the Board of Review recommends the following:

(1) That a serious effort be made with General Hines, representative of the Congressional Country Club, to reduce the rental (\$48,000 per annum) for the coming fiscal year; and

(2) That the maintenance and upkeep provisions of the lease, which are presently ambiguous, be clarified by the General Counsel's office in order that the obligations of OSS upon termination may be clear. At the present time, if the provisions were interpreted against OSS, there is a possibility that as much as \$30,000 would be required to restore the property before it could be turned back to the Club.

(d) PSC-25 UNV Contract with Georgetown University - not to be renewed, in view of the proposal of Schools & Training Branch to transfer its Georgetown training to the present site of the "W" School.

(e) CONTRACTS OSS-99 and OSS-549 - not to be renewed, in accordance with the desires of H. A. Branch.

The Board recommends that each of the contracts or leases to be renewed be paid from vouchered funds since in no case does the use of unvouchered funds appear necessary. Further, in each case the amount called for by the contract or lease should be charged to the budget of the appropriate Branch, as follows:

(a) Contract OSS-321 - to be charged to Communications Branch

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(b) Contract OSS-779 - to be charged to Schools
& Training Branch;

(c) Contract OSS-219 - to be charged to Schools
& Training Branch.

For the Board of Review:

J. S. Morgan

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

" 6/26
No legal objection
J. H. Schoemer "

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

21 June 1946

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

1. In addition to certain contracts discussed in our memorandum of today's date, the Board of Review has received requests for the renewal of the following contracts:

(a) Contract OSS-115 with Western Union Telegraph Company for the maintenance of communications lines to San Francisco and Los Angeles. The rate of charges is approximately \$750 per month and renewal has been requested by Major Delafield.

(b) Lease OSS-159, covering the office space now used by OSS in Los Angeles. Present rental is \$7,575 per annum and renewal has been requested by Colonel Connely. ?

(c) Lease OSS-530, covering office space now occupied by OSS in San Francisco. Present rental is \$11,222.40 per annum and renewal has been requested by Colonel Connely. ?

(d) Contracts OSS-69 and OSS-147, calling for the expenditure of \$12,000 and \$6,000 respectively for special services rendered to Foreign Nationalities Branch. Renewal has been requested by Mrs. Marcella Kennedy. ?

(e) Lease OSS-679, covering the premises presently occupied by the Interdepartmental Committee in Washington. The annual rental is \$18,000 per annum and renewal has been requested by Lt. Kilgour. ?

(f) Contract OSS-742, covering reproduction performed by the Charles S. Goebl Company for the Interdepartmental Committee, the charges under which are estimated at \$24,000, for the coming fiscal year. ?

2. In the case of each of the above contracts, the decisions relating to the new budget make any recommendations by the Board of Review impossible:

(a) The renewal of the contract with Western Union Telegraph Company, if it takes place, should take into account the proposed closing of the San Francisco Office

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and the consequent elimination of the communications lines between Washington and San Francisco and between Los Angeles and San Francisco;

(b) The lease for the Los Angeles area may call for the giving up of certain space in the light of the decisions as to the activities to be carried on in Los Angeles;

(c) The lease for the San Francisco property obviously should not be renewed if the San Francisco Office is to be closed;

(d) Inasmuch as a sum substantially smaller than last year's amount is made available for Foreign Nationalities Branch, these two contracts should be resubmitted to the Branch for decision as to whether the Branch wishes to carry them on out of its next year's allocation;

(e) The lease of the Interdepartmental Committee premises obviously would depend upon the extent to which OSS is financing IDC for the coming fiscal year;

(f) The contract with Charles S. Coetz Company is also dependent upon the extent to which OSS will finance IDC operations for the coming fiscal year.

3. Since the Board of Review is not in a position to make recommendations with respect to the contracts discussed above, it submits them to your office for disposition by the appropriate official in the light of the new circumstances for the coming year.

For the Board of Review:



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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J. S. Morgan

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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31 May 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Review
FROM: Chief, Contract Division
SUBJECT: Renewal of Contract No. OSS-115

Your attention is directed to the subject contract which covers services supplied by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Major Delafield, Chief of the Message Center, has requested this office to renew the contract for the ensuing fiscal year.

The charges under this contract may vary but are approximately at the rate of \$750.00 per month.

It is requested that your office approve the renewal of this contract in order that the letter of renewal may be issued by this office.

Joseph B. Kelley
Joseph B. Kelley
Lt. (j.g.), USNR

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

OSS - San Francisco

TO : Capt. Julius Morgan, Chairman, Board of Review DATE: 31 May 1945
EJC:amb

FROM : Chief, Pacific Coast Area

SUBJECT: Extension of OSS Lease #159.

1. The lease in question covers office space now in use by OSS in Los Angeles and is located in the Rowan Building at 458 South Spring Street. The following activities have offices at this location: Administration, Services, Transportation, R & A Branch, Survey of Foreign Experts, Foreign Nationalities, and Field Experimental Unit.

2. An appraisal of the situation indicates that all of this space will continue to be used in the future, except for certain space on the ninth floor now occupied by Biographical Records Section of R & A, which will not be needed after 1 July 1945 and on which the arrangements will be cancelled by Mr. Easton who is in charge of the Los Angeles Office. The carrying out of OSS activities other than the exception noted is essential, and there is no other surplus space available at this time.

3. This rent is paid with vouchered funds.

EJC
E. F. CONNELLY,
Colonel, F.A.,
Chief, Pacific Coast Area.

cc: Lt. Col. Johnson (2)
Mr. Easton

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*Personnel matter
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*John's June 30
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

OCS - San Francisco

DATE: 31 May 1946

HFC:amb

TO : Capt. Junius Morgan, Chairman, Board of Review

FROM : Chief, Pacific Coast Area

SUBJECT: Extension of OCS Lease #590.

1. This constitutes the lease on the office space occupied by OCS in San Francisco: 406 Montgomery Street, known as the Kohl Building.

2. A careful survey of OCS requirements for the balance of the year indicates that there is no excess space in the present layout, and the Board of Review is urged to extend the lease as it is now constituted. Should there develop at a later date a condition which would warrant the cancellation of part of this lease, it is believed that the cancellation clause of sixty days will be added protection to the Office of Strategic Services.

3. This rent is paid with vouchered funds.

[Signature]
E. F. CONNELLY,
Colonel, F.A.,
Chief, Pacific Coast Area.

cc: Lt. Col. Johnson (2)

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Board of Review

DATE: 4 June 1945

FROM: M. F. Kennedy, FN

SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

Reference is made to your memorandum of 31 May 1945, copy attached.

The Foreign Nationalities Branch is engaged in reporting the political activities, sentiments and movements of some 35 ethnic groups represented in this country. It has been doing this with only a small staff. The experience of the Branch has demonstrated the use of contract facilities to be an efficient and economical method of operation. By purchasing information the Branch obtains the knowledge and services of a variety of persons with a real contribution to make to the work. To obtain the services of these persons by employing them would require much greater expenditure.

Contracts OSS 69 and OSS 147 represent an expenditure of \$12,000 and \$6,000 respectively for the 1945 fiscal year. It is expected that the expenditure for the 1946 fiscal year will be the same. It is not possible at this time to prophesy termination dates.

M. F. Kennedy
KAD9 (44)
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31 May 1945

TO: Foreign Nationalities Branch

Attention: Mrs. Kennedy

SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

1. The Chief, Contract Division, Procurement and Supply Branch, has notified the Board of Review of your desire to renew the following contracts:

QSS-62 - Service contract with Overseas News Agency

QSS-147 -- Service contract with Joseph Saslaw

2. Will you submit to the Board of Review a memorandum, outlining the necessity for the subject contracts, the amount expected to be expended under them in the coming fiscal year, the amount expended under the contracts during the past fiscal year, and the expected termination date, if now known. Any other details which you can supply to enable the Board of Review to make an appropriate recommendation to the Director will be appreciated.

For the Board of Review:



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (26)
25th & E Streets N. W.

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5 June 1945

TO: Board of Review
Attention: Mr. R. H. I. Goddard

FROM: Lt. (j.g.) Frederick G. Kilgour, USNR

SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

Reference: Your Memorandum of 29 May 1945.

1) IDC has six photostat copies made of the recent issues of two leading Japanese newspapers, the Japanese Official Gazette, and the leading Japanese economic periodical. In addition photostats are also made of important, recent Japanese yearbooks. By this photostating important intelligence is made more widely usable than could otherwise be the case. The Charles S. Goetz Co. has been doing this work for IDC for the past year and a half. It is estimated that \$24,000 will be spent on this photostating during the 1946 fiscal year.

2) The present approved IDC Departmental Staff for 1946 is 70 people. The premises now occupied by IDC have a total of 10,208 usable sq. ft. Due to the space required for processing publications 2,722 sq. ft. is used by 16 people. The remainder of the space is occupied by 54 people - an average of 139 sq. ft. per person which is very liberal. Beyond the fact that 70 employees have to be housed somewhere, the only advantage to housing IDC separately is that a couple of IDC's Japanese language Analysts have a limited security that restricts them from other OSS buildings.

3) It is believed that the Finance Branch can supply the amounts expended under these contracts during the current fiscal year. In this connection it should be pointed out that the Goetz Co. also photostated European publications for IDC during the current year.

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4) The expected termination date of the Goetz contract (OSS-742) is V-Day, that of the lease (OSS-679) V-Day plus the time required to complete the final reduction - in - force.

Frederick G. Kilgour
Frederick G. Kilgour

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

29 May 1945

TO: Interdepartmental Committee
Attention: Lt.(jg) Hilgour
SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

1. The Chief, Contract Division, Procurement and Supply Branch, has notified the Board of Review of your desire to renew the following contracts:

OSS-742 -- Charles S. Goetz Company

OSS-879 -- Lease covering rental of premises occupied by IDC

2. Will you submit to the Board of Review a memorandum, outlining the necessity for the subject contracts, the amount expected to be expended under them in the coming fiscal year, the amount expended under the contracts during the past fiscal year, and the expected termination dates, if now known. Any other details which you can supply to enable the Board of Review to make an appropriate recommendation to the Director will be appreciated.

For the Board of Review:

H. H. I. Gulderson
Member



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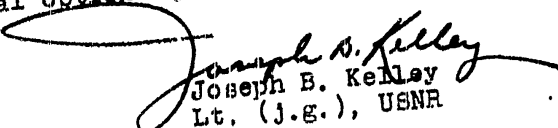
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
22 May 1945MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Review
FROM: Chief, Contract Division
SUBJECT: Renewal of Lease No. OSS-679

Your attention is directed to the subject lease which covers the rental of premises occupied by the IDC Branch of OSS.

Lt. (J.g.) Kilgour, Chief of the IDC Branch, has requested this office to renew the lease for the ensuing fiscal year. The annual rental is \$18,000.00 and this expenditure has been payable from .002 funds.

It is requested that approval by your office of this expenditure for the next fiscal year be expedited in order that the renewal option may be exercised.


Joseph B. Kelley
Lt. (J.g.), USNR

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Washington, D. C.

21 June 1946

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Renewal of Contracts

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2. In the case of each of the above contracts, the decisions relating to the new budget make any recommendations by the Board of Review impossible:

(a) The renewal of the contract with Western Union Telegraph Company, if it takes place, should take into account the proposed closing of the San Francisco Office

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3. Since the Board of Review is not in a position to make recommendations with respect to the contracts discussed above, it submits them to your office for disposition by the appropriate official in the light of the new circumstances for the coming year.

For the Board of Review:


J. S. S. S. S.
Chairman**CONFIDENTIAL**

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Washington, D. C.

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For the Board of Review:

J. H. Morgan
Chairman

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Board of Review -
Special ProjectsLt. George E. Larison
Executive Office

25 August 1945

* Di Felice
* Per C. C. C.

Special Funds Allocation from 1944-45 Appropriation

This is to inform you that the Director has approved your memorandum of 20 August 1945 to Mr. Cheston on the above subject in which you request approval of an additional \$5,500, supplementary to the \$7,000 recommended to the Director by the Board of Review in its memorandum of 27 June 1945, and approved by the Director. While approval from 1945 funds is given, 1946 funds must be used for per diem payable and obligations incurred subsequent to 30 June 1945.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

CC: Special Funds

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OSS Form 4001b

DATE 22 Aug. 1945

TO: Director

1) The attached memo from Special Projects requests approval of an additional \$5500, supplementary to the \$7,000 recommended to you by the Board of Review in its memo of 27 June 1945, and approved by you.

2) We see no legal objection to your approval of these expenditures provided the necessary substantiating evidence is furnished to Special Funds Division in accordance with its regulations.

3) While approval from 1945 funds is requested, 1946 funds must be used for per diem payable and obligations incurred subsequent to 30 June 1945.

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John R. Schoemer, jr.
Assistant General Counsel

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 20 August 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles S. Cheston
 FROM: Acting Chief, Special Projects Office
 SUBJECT: Special Funds Allocation from 1944-45 Appropriation

1. Reference is made to attached memo which will explain the reason for this request.

2. It is requested that \$5,500 of last year's funds be allocated to Special Funds for the payment of special per diem at the base at St. Petersburg, Florida. This amount is broken down as follows:

Per diem payment to Army Officers	\$3,900
Payment for services rendered by civilian consultants	1,400
Miscellaneous expense	200
Total	\$5,500

3. This sum is required over and above the \$7,000 recently made available, and the present deficit of \$5,500 was occasioned by the fact that when we inquired of Special Funds as to the necessary figure needed to satisfy our obligations up to and including the last day of June, we were informed that the aforementioned \$7,000 would be sufficient. Obviously this figure fell far short and the additional \$5,500 is now urgently needed to clear up all outstanding indebtedness at the Base on special per diem.

4. All special per diem at the base is being discontinued after 31 August 1945.

George E. Larison
 GEORGE E. LARISON
 2nd Lt., AUS

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Lieut. George Larison

DATE:

FROM : R. G. Read *R.G. Read*

SUBJECT: Javaman Project

Sometime prior to 30 June you requested the Special Funds Division to furnish a figure sufficient to cover expenditures of Javaman Project through the end of fiscal year 1945.

The estimated amount of \$7,000. which was furnished proved to be inadequate inasmuch as there was difficulty in determining the number of Army personnel assigned to the Javaman Project who would be drawing per diem from Special Funds through 30 June 1945.

Lieut. Drymalski of your office estimates that an additional \$3900. will be required to cover payment of per diem, \$1400. for consultant fees and \$200. for miscellaneous expenses. In addition to these amounts it will be well to consider outstanding advances of \$3,889.44 as of June 30, 1945. If these advances were expended prior to 30 June, the Javaman expenditures would be increased and the amount authorized for expenditure would be decreased by a like amount.

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*By Review**x R. W. Allen*

31 July 1948

Sp. Projects

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Per Diem for Special Projects Officers

1. Returned herewith is original of your memorandum of 27 July to the Acting Director, together with your file on the above subject.
2. You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Acting Director appear on the face of your memorandum. The approval is for a 30-day period.
3. The Acting Director has indicated that the matter should be reviewed before the expiration of the 30 day period to see whether the period should be extended on notice given that it will not be extended.

Robert Thrum
Acting Executive Officercc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel**SECRET**

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

27 July 1945

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To: Acting Director

Subject: Per Diem for Special Projects Officers

1. There is attached a request from the Administrative Officer, Special Projects Office, for the allocation of \$24,000 for the payment of per diem to 50 army officers stationed at St. Petersburg for the next 60 days.
2. The Board of Review has recommended approval in the past, and you have approved the payment of per diem to the Special Projects Officers stationed at St. Petersburg who were destined to go overseas with the Project, on the theory that they were stationed there on true temporary duty and that it would be unfair, since they had to maintain families and homes elsewhere, to deprive them of a per diem.
3. At this time, however, the period of temporary duty has been running on for a considerable length of time. The present circumstances are such that it does now seem that within the next 60 days the Project either will go overseas or will be discontinued altogether. The Board of Review believes that under these circumstances the per diem for army officers stationed at St. Petersburg should not be payable beyond the next 60 days. If the Project is not going into operation then, the officers stationed there should be told in advance that their per diems will cease and that they must make appropriate arrangements. If the Project has gone overseas, then those officers who remain at St. Petersburg will have to be considered as being on permanent duty with no per diem payable.
4. The amount requested is \$24,000, based upon the complement of approximately 50 army officers at \$7.00 per day. This amount actually works out to \$21,000.
5. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the allocation, from the Special Projects Office budget of \$21,000 of special funds for the payment of per diem for Special Projects officers for the coming 60 days, but in any case not to exceed beyond 30 September 1945. The Board of Review further recommends that at the end of that period no further per diem shall be payable from Special Funds for this purpose.

*approved for 30 day period
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*as recommended referred to
 in paragraph 2 above. in office sees
 no legal objection
 J. S. Morgan
 7/28*

For the Board of Review,

*J. S. Morgan
 Chairman*

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Board of Review
Attention: J. B. Morgan, Chairman

Executive Office

Payment of Per Diem to Special Projects Personnel

17 June 1945
Rec'd of the Sec
Special Projects
per diem
22 June 1945
E. J. Putzell, Jr.

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 16 June 1945 to the Director on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lt. (jg), USNR
Asst. Executive Off.

Attachment

CC: Secretariat ✓
General Counsel
Director's Files

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SECRET**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Washington, D. C.

13 June 1945

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Bd of Review

TO:

The Director

SUBJECT: Payment of Per Diem to Special Projects Personnel.

1. Mr. Diamond, Chief of Special Funds Branch, has raised with the Board of Review a question concerning the payment on behalf of Special Projects Office (Lt. Comdr. Shabzon) of a per diem for Army officers stationed at St. Petersburg beyond the period of 30 days allowed by the Army for the payment of per diem.

2. It seems to the Board of Review that this problem should not exist for much longer than a month or two in the future. If authorization for operation of the project is secured, then the personnel involved will move from St. Petersburg to their overseas station. If the authorization is not obtained, then the project will presumably be disbanded and the personnel reassigned. In either event, the necessity for paying per diem for the officers while stationed at St. Petersburg would disappear.

3. The Board of Review therefore recommends that for the time being no action be taken to discontinue the payment of per diem to the Army officers in question. It does recommend, however, that the Special Funds Office require, if it does not presently do so, a certification in each case of an officer claiming the per diem that he has been stationed in St. Petersburg for the period in question and that he was not eligible for the collection of an Army per diem during that period.

For the Board of Review

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J. B. Morgan

Chairman

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Attention:

The Board of Review
 Lt. C. A. Bane
 Executive Office

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Adjustment in Remuneration, Captain Murrell
 M. Pittard.

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 27 April 1946 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the Director has indicated his concurrence with the Board's recommendation on the face of your memorandum. He has further advised the General Counsel to write Captain Pittard clearly defining this Agency's position.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
 Lieut. (jg), USNA
 Acting Executive
 Officer

cc: Director's Files
 Secretariat
 General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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27 April 1945.

To: The Director

Subject: Adjustment in Remuneration, Captain
Murrell M. Pittard

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached request by Captain Pittard that additional remuneration be given to him from Special Funds, over and above his salary and allowances as a Captain in the United States Army, on the grounds of personal hardship. This request was forwarded without approval or disapproval by Colonel Hutchinson and Mr. Whitney Shepardson.
2. The Board believes that only in the most unusual cases should an exception be made to General Order 15-10 which provides that Military or Naval personnel may be paid extra compensation "only when assigned as agents to missions intended for operations behind enemy lines." It is undisputed that Captain Pittard, who spent his tour of duty in South East Asia, did not and was not intended to serve behind enemy lines.
3. The elements of personal hardships upon which Captain Pittard has based his request, and which the Board has investigated, do not seem sufficiently persuasive to call for an exception. He evidently was commissioned as a Captain at the request of OSS after he had been employed as a civilian by this Agency at a salary of \$100.00 per month, plus \$55.56 per month overtime. His Captain's pay, which would probably amount to some \$250.00 per month, with allowances, was therefore less, not too severely less, than the compensation he received as a civilian. His Captain's pay was over and above the amount he had received prior to his employment by OSS during his service with the Department of Agriculture, although in no case did his salary with OSS equal the salary which he had received as a pre-war employee of the British-American Tobacco Company in Thailand.
4. However, the Board does not believe that any comparisons

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of salary is the proper approach to the question, but that the real question is that of undue hardship. The Board is convinced, since Captain Pittard's tour of duty overseas would bring him a per diem ample for his own support, that his entire base salary and allowances could have been devoted to his personal obligations; - namely those of helping to support his sisters and their children. This should have been sufficient, and no evidence was presented to the Board that Captain Pittard had either gone into debt or had been unable to carry out his desire to support his relatives. Captain Pittard, who is in the process of being discharged from the Army to return to private life, was not available in Washington for consultation, but Col. Hutcheson presented his case to the Board.

5. Under all the circumstances, the Board of Review recommends that an exception to General Order 75-10 not be made and that no additional compensation be allowed to Captain Pittard.

For the Board

C. A. Bane
Lt., USMR
Hutcher

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*I agree
Hutcher*

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Attention:

The Board of Review.
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Board of Review Recommendations

Financial Arrangements of Field Audit Team
Renewal of Technicolor Picture Corporation

Contract
Communications Branch Test Equipment for VETO

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Board of Review
x Financial Arrangements
x Field Audit Team
x Technicolor Picture Corp. June 1945
x Contract
x Communications B.
x Test Equipment.

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 7 June 1945 to Mr. Charles S. Cheston, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel appears on the face of the attached three recommendations and that the Assistant Director has indicated his approval on the second page of the above-mentioned memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Assistant Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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7 June 1946

TO: Mr. Charles S. Chelson
SUBJECT: Board of Review Recommendations

Pursuant to your suggestion to Mr. Goddard, the Board of Review has reconsidered the attached three recommendations previously made by it. It wishes to reaffirm its recommendations, even in the light of the new financial situation, for the following reasons:

(1) Financial Arrangements of Field Audit Team.
The one team presently contemplated, consisting of one officer and one enlisted man, is due to depart early in the coming week. It therefore seems advisable not to delay action on the matter and the Board believes it proper that the enlisted member of this team be permitted to receive while on duty in neutral countries a per diem equivalent to that which would be drawn by a civilian. It is unlikely that the team would spend more than a total of 10 days in neutral countries and accordingly the total cost resulting from the Board's recommendation would be approximately \$200.00.

(2) Renewal of Techniglor Picture Corporation Contract. This contract, which is up for renewal at the present time, involves no financial obligation on the part of OSS until specific jobs are actually placed under it. The Board in its original recommendation stated that if any work involving more than \$5,000 was to be placed under the contract, the matter should first be submitted to the Board for its recommendation to the Director. This seems to be adequate protection against any substantial expenditures under the contract and, rather than let the contract lapse until Field Administration's overall budget is determined, the Board recommends again that it be approved.

(3) Communications Branch Test Equipment for
The Board has submitted again with Major Perry who has reiterated that this equipment is not available in the stocks, cannot be drawn from the Signal Corps without a delay of some six or eight months, and is essential for the servicing and maintenance of radio equipment. It is to be used exclusively in

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7 June 1945

Charles S. Cherton

China and is the direct result of a request from the field for equipment which will do this particular type of work. It is designed not for use at bases but at sub-bases or other outlying points where portable tenting equipment is required. Since this equipment is for China, which is being given priority in present plans, the Board reserves its recommendation for these items, the total cost of which will be \$7,080.00.

For the Board of Review:



J. H. Morgan
Chairman

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

2 June 1945.

To: Acting Director, via Mr. Sulloway

Subject: Financial Arrangements of Field Audit Teams

The Board of Review recommends approval of the financial arrangements proposed in the last paragraph of the attached memorandum whereby enlisted personnel of the Field Audit Teams will receive from Special Funds the difference between the regular travel per diem payable to civilian employees and the allowable military per diem. This allowance which would be payable only to enlisted personnel while travelling in neutral countries and liberated areas, would seem to be necessary since enlisted personnel receive a travel allowance of \$5.00 per day whereas civilians in such admittedly expensive areas as Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Sweden would receive from \$7.00 to \$9.00 per day. Since the enlisted personnel of the Field Audit Teams will be in civilian clothes, it seems advisable that they be allowed a per diem commensurate with their apparent civilian status, and the Board therefore recommends that an exception to General Order No. 75-13 be made.

For the Board of Review,



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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2 June 1946

TO: The Acting Director

SUBJECT: Renewal of Technicolor Picture Corporation
Contract CSS-418 for Field Photographic Branch

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached memorandum from Mr. Newmark, which is contained in by the Chief of Field Photographic Branch, recommending the renewal of CSS Contract No. 418 with Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation. Under this contract, the Corporation makes 35 mm technicolor prints from original Kodachrome 16 mm film and in addition supplies CSS with technicolor 35 mm film. There is no obligation on the part of the Corporation to furnish any work or expend any money under the contract except in connection with specific orders placed thereunder.

2. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the renewal of the subject contract, on condition that the order to be made from vouchers be furnished. It further recommends, however, that in the event any orders totaling \$5,000 or more are to be placed under subject contract, they should first be submitted to the Board of Review for its recommendation to the Director. Orders in amounts less than \$5,000 may be placed on approval of the Branch Chief.

For the Board of Review:

[Signature]

J. H. Morgan
Chairman

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

1 June 1948

To:

Acting Director

Subject:

Test Equipment for VITRO

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached requisition from Communications Branch for the purchase of 150 units of test equipment at a unit price of \$47.00.
2. The justification for the test equipment, which is to be used in the War Unit for the checking of radio equipment, is fully set forth in Major Perry's memorandum dated 26 May 1948.
3. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the attached requisition for 150 units of test equipment and the allocation of the required amount of \$7050 from vouchers and funds therefor.

For the Board of Review,

*W. H. Morgan*J. E. Morgan
Chairman

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DATE 19 May 1948

TO: Acting Director

1. Unlike some other Government agencies, OSS has been given no specific authority to pay for overseas transportation (and return) of wives of employees. Hence, such payments may be made only where they have been determined to be necessary official expenses of OSS and could be made only out of exempt funds.

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2. I therefore recommend approval of Mr. O'Gara's policy determination that all expenses of any such travel must be borne by the individual concerned. Any published order should omit reference to "exceptions" (which may always be made by the Director in special cases of necessity).

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James B. Donovan

Director of the General Counsel

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CONFIDENTIAL**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Washington, D. C.

18 May 1945

To: The Director**Subject: Transportation of Wives of OSS employees overseas.**

1. With regard to the above subject the Board has received from Mr. O'Gara, Deputy Director of Personnel, a statement he has prepared setting forth the policy of the Agency regarding the matter of wives of members of OSS accompanying their husbands overseas to neutral countries. Mr. O'Gara has advised the Board that you have approved this policy.

2. The Board has seen a memorandum addressed to you by the Chief of X-2 Branch under date of 12 May 1945 requesting that certain exceptions be made to the policy. The question of whether or not such exceptions should be made does not seem to the Board to come within the terms of its mission. However, if you decide that exceptions are to be made, the question of transportation expenses of the wives of members of OSS would seem to come within the scope of the Board's activities. In such cases the Board's recommendation is that these expenses follow the amounts and methods of payment now followed by the State or other U. S. Government Departments that may have a similar problem and which may have determined to pay such expenses on behalf of their representatives overseas.

For the Board of Review


J. S. Morgan
Chairman**CONFIDENTIAL**

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To: Board of Review
Attention Lt. Charles A. Marie

From: John E. O'Gara, Deputy Director, Personnel

Subject: Memorandum concerning wives joining husbands in neutral countries

The following is the policy of the Agency.

1. Nothing shall be done to encourage such travel. No publicity shall be given to the fact that wives of OSS men under State Department cover may join their husbands.
 2. Should inquiries be made by eligible wives concerning the possibility of their travel abroad, such inquiries will be referred to Miss Margaret Feldman who will outline the difficulties and requirements; e.g., that travel expenses must be borne by the individual and travel arrangements must be handled personally; that preliminary clearance from abroad must be obtained; that no definite plans may be made or conversations regarding them be held prior to such clearance.
 3. Miss Feldman will notify the Geographic Desks concerned and also the Security Office of the desire for travel of an eligible wife.
 4. The Geographic Desk concerned will secure a clearance from the Chief of Mission who in turn will clear with the chief State Department representative in his country.
 5. The Security Office will certify that there is no obvious security liability in the case.
 6. When the necessary clearances are obtained, they will be passed immediately to Miss Feldman. The eligible wife will then be notified by Miss Feldman and will be brought to Washington at OSS expense for briefing by the Security Office.
 7. OSS will not officially assist in any way in the procurement of necessary documents, travel permission, or other personal arrangements. Advice may be given on a courtesy basis by Miss Feldman through whom all such matters will clear.
- It may be said further that the principle in back of the above is that this Agency is a war-emergency Agency, and it is entirely premature to conclude at this stage that a parallel exists between us and the foreign service officers of the State Department.

J. E. O'G.

SECRET

19 May 1948

B/R recommendation 18 May 1948
"Transportation of Wives of
OSS employees overseas"

Acting Director

1. Unlike some other Government agencies, OSS has been given no specific authority to pay for overseas transportation (and return) of wives of employees. Hence, such payments may be made only where they have been determined to be necessary official expenses of OSS and could be made only out of exempt funds.

2. I therefore recommend approval of Mr. O'Quinn's policy determination that all expenses of any such travel must be borne by the individual concerned. Any published order should only reference to "expenses" (which may always be paid by the Director in special cases of necessity).

James B. Donovan

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CONFIDENTIAL**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Washington, D. C.

18 May 1945

To: The Director

Subject: Transportation of Wives of (SS employees overseas.

1. With regard to the above subject the Board has received from Mr. O'Gara, Deputy Director of Personnel, a statement he has prepared setting forth the policy of the Agency regarding the matter of wives of members of OSS accompanying their husbands overseas to neutral countries. Mr. O'Gara has advised the Board that you have approved this policy.

2. The Board has seen a memorandum addressed to you by the Chief of E-2 Branch, under date of 12 May 1945 requesting that certain exceptions be made to the policy. The question of whether or not such exceptions should be made does not seem to the Board to come within the terms of its mission. However, if you decide that exceptions are to be made, the question of transportation expenses of the wives of members of OSS would seem to come within the scope of the Board's activities. In such cases the Board's recommendation is that these expenses follow the amounts and methods of payment now followed by the State or other U. S. Government Departments that may have a similar problem and which may have determined to pay such expenses on behalf of their representatives overseas.

For the Board of Review



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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19 May 1945

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B/R recommendation 18 May 1945
"Transportation of Wives of
OSS employees overseas"

Acting Director

1. Unlike some other Government agencies, OSS has been given no specific authority to pay for over-seas transportation (and return) of wives of employees. Hence, such payments may be made only where they have been determined to be necessary official expenses of OSS and could be made only out of exempt funds.

2. I therefore recommend approval of Mr. C. G. Davis's policy determination that all expenses of any such travel must be borne by the individual concerned. Any published order should omit reference to "exceptions" (which may always be made by the Director in special cases of necessity).

James H. Donovan

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Washington, D. C.

18 May 1945

To: The Director

Subject: Transportation of Wives of OSS employees overseas.

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2. The Board has seen a memorandum addressed to you by the Chief of the Branch under date of 12 May 1945 requesting that certain exceptions be made to the policy. The question of whether or not such exceptions should be made does not seem to the Board to come within the terms of its mission. However, if you decide that exceptions are to be made, the question of transportation expenses of the wives of members of OSS would seem to come within the scope of the Board's activities. In such cases the Board's recommendation is that these expenses follow the amounts and methods of payment now followed by the State or other U. S. Government Departments that may have a similar problem and which may have determined to pay such expenses on behalf of their representatives overseas.

For the Board of Review

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

29 May 1948

TO: LIST 3
Strategic Services Officers

SUBJECT: Overseas Travel of Wives of OSS Personnel

1. The Passport Division of the Department of State has always taken the position that OSS is a branch of the military services and that all OSS personnel traveling to overseas theaters of war are subject to military and naval regulations. The wives of OSS personnel will therefore be governed by the same regulations as War and Navy Department wives and will not be permitted to join their husbands overseas without the specific permission of the appropriate military or naval authorities.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will not be requested to give special consideration to the wives of OSS personnel who wish to travel overseas. All OSS personnel in overseas theaters subject to military regulations should be so informed.

O. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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Board of Review
Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
Ginik Project

27 June 1945

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 21 June 1945 to the Director on the above subject.

The opinion of the General Counsel is affixed to your memorandum and you will note that the approval of the Asst Director for the use of unvouchered funds appears on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lt. (jg), USNR
Asst. Executive Officer

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25 June 1945

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Acting Director

1. The contract concerned requires the written approval of the Government before the cost selling is exceeded.

2. It appears, however, that the extra costs were incurred for the benefit of the Government. There is no legal objection, therefore, to your authorizing payment.

John R. Schoemer, Jr.

SUBJECT: Gimik Project - 21 June 1945

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

21 June 1945

TO:

The Director

SUBJECT: Simik Project

1. The Board of Review has previously recommended approval of the allocation of \$20,000 of unvouchered funds for the Simik Project, which consisted of the construction of two special craft for Colonel Bifler's Field Experimental Unit. At a later date, 28 May 1945, the Board recommended that this amount be increased by \$8,150 over and above the original tentative estimate.

2. Sparkman and Stephens have now notified Maritime Unit, which was handling the construction of the craft for Colonel Bifler's Unit, that the total charges will be \$32,521.03. This is an amount of approximately \$5,000 more than had previously been approved for the cost of these craft. The increase is attributable to the speed with which the craft were constructed and the consequent unforeseen use of overtime and other extra charges. According to Lt. Warren, there is no doubt that the charges were incurred in good faith as a result of the tight time schedule laid down by OSS for the construction.

3. The Board of Review recommends that the entire claim in the amount of \$32,521.03 be allowed and that the appropriate amount of unvouchered funds be allocated therefor. It is essential, however, that these funds be paid from the 1944-1945 appropriation, since no provision has been made for this item in the 1945-1946 budget.

For the Board of Review:

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approvedCharles S. Cheston
Asst. Director

L. S. Morgan
Chairman

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B. H. I. Goddard
x 9 June 1945

2 June 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. R. H. I. Goddard
Executive Office
Ginik ProjectRec'd 16, 1945
Adm. Div.

There is returned herewith the original
of your memorandum to the Acting Director on the GINIK
PROJECT, together with your file on the same subject.

You will note that the opinion of the
General Counsel and the approval of the Acting Director
appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Assistant Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

16,956

TO: The Acting Director

SUBJECT: Sink Project

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached request from Major Prasse, approved by Colonel Sigler, for the expenditure of the sum of \$8,150.00 in addition to the original amount of \$20,000 of Special Funds approved for the construction of two craft for the Field Experimental Unit. The attached memorandum from Lt. Wagner of the Maritime Unit explains the necessity for the additional \$8,150.00.

2. The Board of Review realizes that in construction of this sort it is not always possible to anticipate difficulties of construction which will involve additional expenditures.

3. The Board accordingly recommends that you approve the request for an additional amount of \$8,150.00 in accordance with Major Prasse's request and in view of the confidential nature of the project and the fact that the original monies expended were from Special Funds, the allocation of the required amount of Special Funds therefrom. It is recommended that this amount of \$8,150.00, as well as the \$20,000 originally approved for these craft, be regarded as entirely separate and apart from the amount of \$100,000 which the Director, on 11 March 1944, approved for the Field Experimental Unit.

For the Board of Review:

R. H. I. Goddard
Member

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Charles J. Christman
Acting Director"No legal objection"
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Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

16.711
24 May 1945
x T. J. F. J. J. J.

Reimbursement for Two Presentation Branch
Enlisted Personnel

There is attached herewith the original of your memorandum of 17 May 1945 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the qualified approval of the Acting Director appear on the covering note.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Assistant Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

16,711

19 May 1945

Acting Director

1. He has no legal objection to the attached recommendation.

2. Finance Branch should be instructed to consult with this office prior to submission of the vouchers on .002 funds.

ATTACHMENT:

Letter to The Director, dated 17 May 1945 re Reimbursement for Two Presentation Branch Enlisted Personnel.

James B. Donovan

approved 5/23/45
by Acting Director

approved as to recommended
payments after consultation
done indicated.

J.B.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

17 May 1945

To: The Director

Subject: Reimbursement for Two Presentation Branch
Enlisted Personnel

1. The Board of Review has discussed with Mr. H.C. Barton the attached memorandum requesting reimbursement from Special Funds for partial subsistence and car fare of two navy enlisted men on loan to Presentation Branch from the Navy School of Music. The circumstances requiring reimbursement, as explained in the attached memorandum, arise primarily from the fact that the two men are not part of the OSS naval establishment but are rather loaned to OSS temporarily. They are attached to and billeted in the Naval Receiving Station in Anacostia. Housing and billeting are available at the Receiving Station and it is therefore impossible under Navy regulations for them to be reimbursed by the Navy for such items. In fact, however, because of the loan of these men to Presentation Branch, they cannot return to the Receiving Station for lunch and they have additional car fare expenses as well.
2. If reimbursement to the two enlisted men were to be regarded as additional compensation, it would be forbidden by Gen. Order 75-19. On the other hand, there seems to be no reason why the case cannot be treated as an individual one for reimbursement for subsistence and related expenses. The Board does not believe that a General Order on the subject should be issued or that one would be necessary. In view of the peculiar circumstances of this case, but it does believe that reimbursement in a reasonable amount would be proper.
3. The Board does not feel that there is involved any secret or confidential purpose which would justify the use of OSS funds. It has therefore discussed with Mr. Milo Grissman of the Finance Branch the possibility of using OSS funds. Mr. Grissman is not certain that vouchers for these items may not be questioned by the General Accounting Office, perhaps on the ground that these are "personal" rather than "official" expenses. He is nevertheless prepared to submit vouchers for these payments to the OSS for review.
4. The Board believes that these are "official" expenses, incurred by the men not for personal reasons but because of their duty with OSS under the circumstances outlined above. It has been informed that Messrs. Barton and Hangerford have made advances of their personal funds

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from time to time to these men to reimburse them for expenses outlined above. The Board is of the opinion that this irregular and unofficial method of reimbursement should cease. It accordingly recommends that you approve the payment of \$5.00 per week to each of the naval enlisted men named in the attached memorandum for such period as they may be on loan to this agency to date from the period when they first started to incur extra expense for lunch and carfare by reason of their service with this agency, and that these amounts be paid from AGO funds. Messrs. Barton and Rungenford of Presentation Branch can then be reimbursed by the men themselves for any amounts personally advanced by them in the past to these two men for their expenses.

For the Board of Review,

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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*Board of Review
x Guenther, etc 4-2.*

25 Mar 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. R. H. I. Goddard
Executive Office
Account of Col. G. B. Guenther

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 17 May 1945 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General Counsel is set forth on the covering note, and that the approval and comments of the Assistant Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

cc: Director's File ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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10 May 1945B/R recommendation 17 May 1945
"Account of Col. G. B. Guenther"

Acting Director

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1. It cannot be assumed, in the absence of any evidence, that funds have been expended for official purposes. Rather, the burden is on the individual (or his estate) to prove a proper expenditure.

2. Hence, if this were an ordinary case of advance of vouchered funds, the U. S. would be obliged to assert a claim against the estate. However, in view of the nature of the funds involved, the security considerations which the Board believes prevent a claim against Colonel Guenther's estate, and the preservation of all files for future review, we see no legal objection to your approval of this recommendation.

James B. Donovan

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

17 May 1948

To: Director

Subject: Account of Col. G.B. Guenther

1. The Board of Review has discussed with Col. Rehm and Captain Lucas the attached memorandum requesting advice concerning the appropriate disposition of an outstanding balance of \$231.40 in the account of the late Col. Guenther.
2. As Col. Rehm's memorandum states, two items of \$231.40 and \$115.71 are the only amounts not taken care of in an overall accounting made by Col. Guenther for \$159,012.41. In view of Col. Guenther's death, it is impossible to receive any further explanation of these items.
3. The amount of \$231.40 was advanced to Col. Guenther in Turkish pounds while he was in Turkey. The second amount of \$115.71 resulted from a payment of a like amount by Maj. Hart which Col. Guenther credited to his own account whereas he evidently should have credited it to Col. Guenther's account therefore leaves \$115.71 to be taken care of.
4. The Board of Review does not believe that it is desirable to pursue any inquiries with or claims against Col. Guenther's estate. No further information would be likely to be obtained and in any case security considerations would seem to dictate against any such inquiries. The presentation of any claim against the estate could be made only on the assumption, of which there is no evidence, that these amounts were not expended for official purposes.
5. The Board of Review believes that these moneys can appropriately be assumed to have been expended for official purposes. It accordingly recommends that the amount of \$231.40 now outstanding in Col. Guenther's account be regarded as having been expended for official expenses and written off by the Finance Branch as such. All documents and information relating to this matter should, however, be retained in a special file by the Finance Branch for information and study in the future by any proper authority.

Approved pro.
voting documents
and all infor-
mation retained
in accordance
last sentence
Par 5 -

Charles S. Chaston
Major General
7/24/45

For the Board of Review

R.H.I. Goddard
Member

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Board of Review
Attention: H.H.I. Goldsack, Member

Executive Office

Reconsideration at end of three months of Branch Allocations
from 1946 Appropriation.

22 June 1945

There is returned herewith the original of your
memorandum of 19 June 1945 to the Director on the above
subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General
Council and the approval of the Director appear on the
face of your memorandum.

Your proposed notice to be sent to all Branch
Offices, Strategic Services Officers and Chiefs of Mission
was signed by the Director and has been forwarded to the
Secretariat for distribution.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Asst. Executive Off.

Attachment

CC: Information
General Council
Director's Files

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

16 June 1948

TO: The Director

SUBJECT: Reconsideration at end of three months of Branch Allocations from 1948 Appropriation.

1. In the course of discussions taking place in the Board's committee, there was mentioned the desirability of reviewing at the end of three months the amounts assigned to the various Branches from the new appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the coming fiscal year. Such a review at the end of three months would be advisable because only actual experience with expenditures under the new budget could give the definite answer as to whether some allocations might be too high whereas others might be unjustifiably low.

2. The Board of Review believes that such a reconsideration after three months of the allocations now being made is highly desirable. In addition, the Board should like to recommend that the Branches be informed, through the medium of an official notice, that such a review will be made and that accordingly the present allocation is subject to further revision. For this purpose the Board attached hereto a form of notice for all Branch Chiefs, Strategic Services Officers and Chiefs of Mission, for your consideration.

For the Board of Review:

R. H. I. Goddard
Member

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

19 June 1946

TO :

LHR :S

SUBJECT: Reexamination at end of three months
of Branch Allocations from 1946 Appropriation.

1. The Board of Review has recommended and I have approved a proposal that there be a review at the end of the first three months of the coming fiscal year of the amounts allocated to the various Branches, Theaters and Missions from the new 1946 appropriation to OCS of \$20,000,000.

2. This notification is being given in order that it may be understood that any amount presently stated to be available for each Branch, Theater or Mission, in accordance with the approved recommendations of Mr. Cheston's committee, are subject at the end of a three months' period to review and further revision in the light of experience with expenditures under the new appropriation.

William J. Donovan
Director

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15 May 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Re-examination of present activities

There is returned herewith the original
of your memorandum of 3 May 1945 to the Director
on the above subject, noted by the General Counsel
and approved by the Director.

The "Memorandum for Strategic Services
Officers, ETO and MEDTO, and List S", having been
signed by the Director, has been forwarded to
the Secretariat.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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3 May 1945

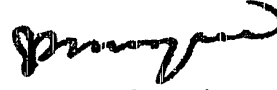
To: Director

Subject: Re-examination of present activities

In the light of the rapidly changing military situation in the European and Mediterranean Theaters of operation the Board has given consideration to the question of recommending to you that you issue a memorandum to all Office and Branch Chiefs, both in Washington and in the Theaters of operation involved, requesting them to take steps immediately so that their activities may be adjusted to the actual needs.

It seems clear that the end of active hostilities will make it possible to reduce or discontinue certain activities of OSS in these Theaters, and on the other hand certain other activities should no doubt be continued or even expanded. While the Board is aware, in a general way, that this kind of planning has already been initiated in many instances, it believes that a notification from you along the lines of that attached to this memorandum might help to bring the matter more directly to the attention of the Office and Branch Chiefs and cause them to keep you currently informed of their plans for carrying out its intent.

For the Board,



J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

3 May 1946

To: All Branch Chiefs and Office Heads
Subject: Re-examination of present activities

1. The Board of Review has recommended, and I have approved, the issuance of the following directions to all Branches in view of military developments during the past few days in the European and Mediterranean Theaters:

1. Any Branch activity, whether carried out in Washington or in either the European or Mediterranean Theaters, must be re-examined immediately and the following steps taken:

(a) If the activity is found by the Branch Chief to have no justification other than support of purely military operation in the European or Mediterranean Theaters, then it should be discontinued at the earliest possible moment, with appropriate advice to me.

(b) If the activity is found to have not only military justification but also post hostilities or other long range justification, then the Branch Chief shall determine whether any re-orientation of the activity is needed. If so, appropriate changes shall be made and any portion of the activity relating only to support of military operations shall be discontinued and the procedure outlined in (a) above followed.

2. It is not the purpose of these directions to order the discontinuance of any project or activity which does have a true relationship to the problems of the post hostilities period, or any other long range



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matter. However, it is the purpose of this memorandum to bring to your attention the necessity for study and re-orientation of existing projects in accord with new circumstances that may call for changes of activity in the European and Mediterranean Theaters.

W. J. Donovan
Director

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Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. R. H. I. Goddard
Executive Office

16.20
18 May 1945
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Board of Review recommendation dated 15 May 1945
covering Communications Branch requisition for
15 R44 type transmitters.

There is returned herewith the original
of your memorandum of 15 May 1945 to the Direc-
tor, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the
General Counsel and the approval of the Direc-
tor appear on the face of subject memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's File ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

15 May 1945

To: Director

Subject: Board of Review recommendation dated 11 May 1945 covering Communications Branch requisition for 15 RCA type transmitters.

1. With further reference to the subject memorandum described above, the Communications Branch has now informed the Board of Review that an additional request from the Far East for RCA transmitters makes desirable the procurement of 10 units in addition to the 15 recommended by the Board in its memorandum of 11 May 1945.
2. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the addition of 10 units to the prior recommended requisition for 15 transmitters, for the reasons and subject to the same conditions set forth in the Board's memorandum of 11 May 1945.

For the Board of Review

R. H. H. Goddard

R. H. H. Goddard
Member

Approved 5/17/45
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Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Communications Branch Requisition 49656 covering
purchase of 15 RCA Type ET 4339 Transmitters.

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Board of Review
Communications
15 May 1946
Transmitters

There is returned herewith the original of
your memorandum of 11 May 1946 to the Director, together
with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General
Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the
face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

11 May 1946

To: The Director

Subject: Communications Branch Requisition 49056 covering purchase of 15 RCA Type ET 4339 Transmitters.

2. Attached hereto are the documents received from Communications Branch covering the subject equipment.

3. The Board of Review has been advised by Major Perry that before the order was placed on the approval of Procurement and Supply Branch, he consulted informally with one of the members of the Board and was advised to proceed in view of the importance of obtaining prompt delivery.

4. In spite of the fact that the contract has been entered into, the Board is forwarding these documents to you with the recommendation that you approve the purchase of this equipment as a matter of record.

5. It is understood that the purchase will be paid for from vouchered funds.

For the Board of Review

J. S. Morgan
J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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14 May 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
 Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
 Executive Office

Review of Expenditures in Neutral Countries

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 2 May 1945 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the Director's approval and the opinion of the General Counsel are indicated on your memorandum, and that the Director has signed the attached memorandum to Chiefs of OSS Missions.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
 Lieut. (jg), USNR
 Acting Executive
 Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
 Secretariat
 General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

8 May 1945

To: Director

Subject: Review of Expenditures in Neutral Countries

1. As the Board of Review has discussed with you orally, it has been concerned with the proper method for obtaining a review of the financial policies and expenditures being made by OSS Missions in neutral countries. With the new directives given to the Board of Review in Washington and the closer relationship which the Board is establishing with the Theater Boards of Review in each Theater of Operations, the financial activities in neutral countries are the only remaining part of the picture to be brought within the Board of Review system.
2. There are four possible alternatives which might be considered in order to achieve a Board of Review type of supervision over OSS expenditures in neutral countries:
 - (a) By giving authority for such supervision to Theater Boards of Review in the nearest theaters. Thus, in the case of Stockholm - the ETO Board of Review, in the case of Madrid and Lisbon - the MEDTO Board of Review, in the case of Rome - either the ETO or the MEDTO Board of Review;
 - (b) To create Boards of Review in the neutral countries themselves from among OSS personnel present in each country;
 - (c) To have Branch representatives in each neutral country submit their new projects, if they call for the expenditure of \$5000 or more, to the appropriate Branch in Washington which in turn would submit the projects to the Washington Board of Review for its recommendation to the Director;
 - (d) To institute procedures whereby the Chief of Mission submits all new projects, calling for the expenditure of \$5000 or more, to the Director for approval, and the Director in turn requests the recommendation of the Washington Board of Review on the financial aspects of such new projects.

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3. Of all the alternatives listed above (a) and (b) do not seem to be practicable. To have projects of neutral countries clear through a Theater Board of Review in the nearest Theater might result in the exercising of authority by the Theater over what was intended to be an independent Mission. To establish Boards of Review within the neutral countries might be impossible or impracticable in view of the cover which must be maintained by our representatives as part of the State Department Staff in these countries. Of the remaining two alternatives, (c) and (d), the Board had preliminarily favored (c), but after discussion with you found that you believed (d) to be the better. The Board agrees with this judgment and recommends that alternative (d) be adopted.
4. One difficulty with alternative (d), as well as (c), is that it would not represent a complete control or system for the review of existing financial practices in the various neutral countries. This latter responsibility of the Board could be discharged, at least in part, by having the Board have consult with Special Funds Branch from time to time to familiarize itself with the types of expenditures made in neutral countries with a view to satisfying itself that these are in accordance with CSS policies. This control, coupled perhaps with periodic visits to neutral countries by a representative of the Board of Review seems to be the best that can be achieved under all the circumstances.
5. If you agree with the foregoing, the Board submits herewith for your consideration and signature, pouch notifications to the various chiefs of Mission in neutral countries concerning the procedures to be followed in respect of the matters discussed herein.

For the Board

J. A. Morgan

J. A. Morgan
Chairman

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2 May 1946

To: Chiefs of OSS Missions
From: The Director

As you know, we have established in Washington, and in each of the Theaters of Operations, Boards of Review whose functions are to review and make recommendations to me in Washington, or to the Strategic Services Officers in the Theaters for approval or disapproval from the financial point of view of all projects calling for the expenditure of more than \$5000 in Washington or \$1,500 in any of the Theaters. In addition, the Board here and those counterparts in the Theaters have the responsibility of consulting and making recommendations concerning financial practices, including any recommendations for modification, and the establishment of general principles concerning the expenditure of OSS funds. The general directive of the Board is contained in the attached copy of a memorandum which the Board of Review sent to each Strategic Services Officer during the course of the past year.

The procedures set forth in that memorandum do not get to the situation in neutral countries and the Board has been devoting considerable thought to that problem. There is no intention, of course, of interfering with any appropriate expenditure or projects or of casting any doubt upon any financial practices which may have been followed in the past. However, it is believed by the Board here that to the greatest extent possible financial expenditures in neutral countries should be subject to the same type of review as presently obtains in the United States and in the various Theaters of Operations.

The system which I should like to have you adopt is as follows:

1. In the case of all projects undertaken in and to be financed with funds drawn in your country, you shall have the authority to approve or disapprove



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If the expenditure is to amount to less than \$5,000.

2. If the expenditure is to amount to \$5,000 or more, then you should forward a description of the proposed project to me in Washington. I will then submit the project to the Washington Board of Review for its recommendations to me in its financial aspects. After I have approved, you will be notified and the project can then be carried out.

3. In respect of financial practices generally in your area the Board of Review will consult with the Washington Special Funds officer. It will receive from him, or ask him to obtain from you, reports which will give sufficient detail concerning the items for which expenditures are being made so as to enable an appropriate review to be made in Washington by the Board of Review here. The Board here may then make recommendations to me concerning the modification or discontinuance of any type of expenditure which it believes not to be justifiable under all the circumstances.

If you have any questions concerning any of the foregoing, please get in touch with me. In the absence of any advice from you, we shall expect you to put the foregoing procedure into effect immediately.

William J. Donovan
Director

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Washington, D. C.

20 June 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Strategic Services Officers

SUBJECT: Board of Review

Pursuant to General Order No. 9, Revised, effective 26 May 1944, the Board of Review has been organized. To date the following appointments have been made by the Director:

Chairman - Lt. Col. Charles M. Sears, Jr., AUS
 Member - Comdr. Junius S. Morgan, USNR
 Member - Mr. R. H. I. Goddard

To implement the General Order setting up the Board, the Director has approved a basic directive, defining more in detail the duties of the Washington Board and the Theater Boards which are to be set up. For your information, we are attaching hereto a draft setting forth pertinent parts of this basic directive. It is contemplated that the directive will be modified or revised as we learn from experience.

Please note the provision for setting up a Theater Board of Review. If you will send your nominations to the Board in Washington we will make every effort to get the matter cleared quickly.

As general policies are decided by the Director, the Board will notify the Theater Boards of his decisions so that the actions of the Theater Boards can conform to established policies.

Membership on the Washington Board is a full time assignment but in most cases we do not intend to have formal sessions of the Board. It is expected that Offices, Branches or individuals will give the Board all information necessary to enable the Board to make proper recommendations to the Director. Informally here, we expect to allow any member of the Board to act for the whole Board when the other members are not immediately available. Of course, a member will be required to keep the other members informed as to any recommendations he may have made. This, we hope, will keep the Board from being a bottleneck. We suggest that the Theater Boards operate on the same principle.

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Questions of policy may arise in a given theater which have wide implications and may affect other theaters. It is suggested that items of this sort be referred to the Board in Washington so that an overall policy determination can be made.

The Board here feels that it is entering into a relatively new and uncharted field and that it will require the most careful cooperation between the Theater Boards and the Washington Board to avoid conflicting recommendations and policy decisions. We hope that we can be of service to OCS in gradually building up a body of decisions so that proper financial control can be maintained and unnecessary criticism avoided.



C. M. SEARS, JR.
Chairman, Board of Review

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Domestic Finances. The following matters pertaining to finance shall be reviewed in Washington by the Board, and recommendations pertaining thereto shall be presented to the Director when appropriate for his consideration:

(a) Policies: The Board shall review all financial policies of OSS, including (i) the general purposes for which all types of funds shall be used, (ii) the types of funds to be used in compensating personnel, (iii) circumstances under which additional compensation may be paid to military or naval personnel, (iv) official expenditures of all Offices, Branches and individuals, and (v) circumstances under which financial claims may be released by OSS.

(b) Projects: The Board shall review all proposed expenditures or inter-agency transfers of OSS funds involving \$5000.00 or more for any one project or purpose, transmitting such proposals to the Director or Assistant Director with recommendations thereon. No such proposed expenditure or transfer shall be presented by any Office, Branch or individual to the Director or Assistant Director except through the Board in accordance with the procedure established herein. The Board shall issue regulations specifying the information to be submitted with each such proposal, and shall have authority to require from the respective Branches and Offices such further data as it may believe to be necessary to enable it to make proper recommendations hereunder.

(c) Controls: The Board shall review all systems of controls maintained with respect to finances. Certain financial controls, records and accountings must, of course, follow existing laws regarding Government expenditures. The Board shall have authority to issue regulations concerning reports to be made to it by Offices, Branches or individuals (at such time as it may direct) on expenditures made in carrying out any OSS projects. It shall formulate, and recommend to the Director, such general principles concerning accountings for unvouchered funds as it deems necessary for the protection of the Government.

(d) Records: The Board shall (i) review and appraise all records maintained with respect to expenditures of funds, (ii) direct the presentation (visually and otherwise) of reports by it correlating the activities of OSS to the ascertainable cost thereof, and (iii) pass upon all applications to the Director for the destruction of any records which may pertain to the expenditure of OSS funds.

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Overseas Finances. There shall be in each Theater of Operations in which OSS functions, a Theater Board of Review of three members, membership in which shall not necessarily be a full-time duty. The members shall be proposed by the Strategic Services Officer to the Board of Review in Washington, which shall transmit such proposals to the Director with recommendations thereon. Each Theater Board shall follow such general rules and principles as may be formulated by the Board in Washington and approved by the Director.

Subject to the foregoing, the following matters pertaining to finance shall be reviewed in each Theater by the Theater Board of Review, and recommendations pertaining thereto shall be presented to the Strategic Services Officer when appropriate for his consideration:

(a) Policies: The Theater Board shall review all financial policies of OSS in its Theater, including (i) the general purposes for which all types of funds shall be used within the Theater, (ii) the types of funds to be used in compensating personnel obtained within the Theater, (iii) circumstances under which additional compensation may be paid to military or naval personnel obtained within the Theater, and (iv) headquarters expenditures.

(b) Projects: The Theater Board shall review all expenditures or inter-agency transfers of OSS funds involving \$1500.00 or more for any one project or purpose, and originating within the Theater, transmitting such proposals to the Strategic Services Officer with recommendations thereon. No such proposed expenditure or transfer shall be presented by any Office, Branch, or individual to the Strategic Services Officer except through the Theater Board in accordance with the procedure established herein. The Theater Board shall issue regulations specifying the information to be submitted with each such proposal and shall have authority to require such further data as it may believe to be necessary in order to make proper recommendations hereunder.

(c) Controls: The Theater Board shall review all systems of controls maintained with respect to finances. Certain financial controls, records and accountings in the Theater must follow existing laws regarding Government expenditures. The Theater Board shall have authority to issue regulations concerning reports to be made to it by Branches, Offices or individuals (at such times as it may direct) on expenditures made in carrying out any OSS project in the Theater.

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It shall formulate, and recommend to the Strategic Services Officer, such general principles concerning accountings for unvouchered funds as it deems necessary for the protection of the Government.

(d) Records: The Theater Board shall (i) review all records maintained in the Theater with respect to expenditures of funds, (ii) direct to the Board in Washington such data as may assist in the presentation (visually and otherwise) of reports by the Board in Washington correlating the activities of OSS to the ascertainable cost thereof, and (iii) transmit to the Board in Washington all applications to the Director for the destruction of any records in the Theater which may pertain to the expenditure of OSS funds.

The activities of each Theater Board of Review shall be inspected by at least one member of the Board of Review at least once during each fiscal year. Each Theater Board shall transmit each month to the Board in Washington a chronological summary of all its recommendations to the Strategic Services Officer, noting his final decisions thereon.

The Board of Review and each Theater Board shall have all authority required to carry out the foregoing duties.

The Board of Review shall maintain in Washington a central chronological record of all its actions, noting the final decisions thereon of the Director or Assistant Director.

The General Counsel shall (a) direct to the attention of the Board of Review in Washington such matters in the United States or in the Theaters as may pertain to the functions set forth herein, and (b) advise the Board of Review only with respect to legal considerations related to matters which come before it. He shall have no power to act for the Board.

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Attention: The Board of Review
Mr. J. B. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
Repair of Pickett Boat

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There is returned herewith the
original of your memorandum of 13 June 1945
to the Acting Director, together with your
file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of
the General Counsel and the approval of the
Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

For the Assistant Executive Officer:

Alvah W. Sulloway
Chief, Secretariat

cc: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

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23 June 1945

To: The Acting Director

SUBJECT: Repair of Pickett Boat

1. On 7 May 1945, the Board of Review recommended and the Director approved the expenditure of \$7,000 for the repair of a Pickett Boat used at the West Coast Training Center. The necessity for such repairs was set forth in the Board's memorandum dated 7 May 1945.

2. Schools & Training Branch now requests that the amount authorized for such repairs be increased from \$7,000 to \$7,925 for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum dated 29 May 1945 from Colonel Blagg. The additional requirement of \$925 results primarily from a desire to repair the boat in complete accordance with Navy regulations whereas the previous estimate was based on a minimum of repair work sufficient only to make the boat operable for OSS use. The repair work should conform to Navy requirements since the boat may be returned to the Navy or be turned over in exchange for another Navy craft. The funds for repairs would come from the 1944-1946 appropriation.

3. The Board recommends that you approve the additional amount of approximately \$925 required for the repairing of the Pickett Boat and the allocation of the required amount of vouchered funds therefor.

For the Board of Review:

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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No legal objection.
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Board of Review
Attention: Lieut. C.A. Bane, Member
Executive Office
Repair of Pickett Boat

12 May 1945

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 7 May 1945 to the Director on the above subject together with your related file.

Please observe that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director for the use of vouchered funds appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Act. Executive Officer

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CC: Director's Files
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D.C.

7 May 1946

To: Director

Subject: Repair of Pickett Boat

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached request from Schools & Training Branch for approval of the expenditure of approximately \$7000 to repair a Pickett boat damaged several weeks ago at Newport Beach, as the result of an explosion.
2. The report of Lt. Com. Shobley explains the circumstances under which the accident occurred, and indicates the steps which have been taken to prevent any recurrence. Irrespective of the circumstances of the incident, however, the need for such a boat at the West Coast Training Center is clear and investigation has also proved that the acquisition of a new substitute boat would not only be more difficult but also more expensive, than the repair of a Pickett boat is evidently somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Bids for the repair work have been received and it is proposed to award the contract to the maker of the boat whose bid of \$7000 was the lowest and also the best as far as time of completion is concerned.
3. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the attached request for the repair of the Pickett boat and the allocation of the required amount of approximately \$7000 from voucher funds therefor.

For the Board of Review,

C. A. Bane

C. A. Bane
Lt., USNR
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11 May 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Reverse Lend Lease

There is attached herewith the original of your memorandum of 5 May 1945 to the Director, bearing the opinion of the General Counsel.

The General Order on the above subject, having been signed by the Director, has been forwarded to the Secretariat.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files
Secretariat
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SECRET**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

Washington, D. C. /

5 May 1945

To: The Director
 Subject: Reverse Lend Lease

1. In recent reports to the Board of Review there have been indications, particularly from India, Burma and China, that the fullest advantage is not being taken of the possibilities of Reverse Lend-Lease. In other theaters, such as the European Theater, a large number of buildings, supplies and services have been obtained through this procedure without the expenditure of OSS funds.
2. The Board believes that this procedure should be utilized to the greatest possible extent within the limitations of security. For example, an allied government should not be asked to furnish materials to us if it is necessary to keep the use of such materials from knowledge of that government. But in the usual case, such as the use of buildings by OSS administrative personnel, there is no reason why an allied government should not be asked to furnish the required facilities within the terms of the applicable rules and regulations.
3. The Board accordingly has prepared for your consideration the attached General Order recommending the use of Reverse Lend Lease and laying down certain procedures in connection therewith.

For the Board of Review

J. S. Morgan
 J. S. Morgan
 Chairman

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Washington, D. C.

GENERAL ORDER
 NUMBER:
 ISSUED:
 EFFECTIVE:

TO: List 3
 SUBJECT: Reverse Lend Lease

The following recommendations of the Board of Review are hereby approved: -

1. OSS in the Theaters of Operation should to the greatest extent possible take advantage of the procedures of Reverse Lend Lease for securing personnel, supplies and property necessary to OSS activities.

2. Under agreements and arrangements made in accordance with the Lend Lease Act, the United States has arranged for Reverse Lend Lease from the Governments of the United Kingdom, French North and West Africa, India and China. In India, Reverse Lend Lease is furnished both by Great Britain and by the Indian Government.

The terms of the arrangements generally provide that the Government furnishing Reverse Lend Lease undertakes to provide to "the U. S. or its Armed Forces" such types of assistance as the following:

(a) Military equipment, munitions and Military and Naval stores;

(b) Other supplies, materials, facilities and services for the U. S. forces, except for the pay and allowances of such forces, administrative expenses and such local purchases as official establishments of the United States may make other than through the official establishments of the Government furnishing such assistance.

(c) Supplies, materials and services needed in the construction of military projects, tasks and similar capital works required for the common war effort, except for the wages and salaries of U. S. citizens.

3. Full and complete records must be maintained in each Theater of the quantity, estimated value and use of all items of property and supplies or personal assistance received on Reverse Lend Lease. Quarterly reports on the extent of such assistance should be made to the Director in Washington in addition to any reports required by applicable Theater rules and regulations.

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4. Each Strategic Services Officer and the Chiefs of OSS China and OSS, India-Burma are requested to ascertain the applicable rules and regulations for securing Reverse Lend Lease assistance in his Theater for OSS activities. Within these rules and regulations, each OSS field establishment is directed to take the greatest possible advantage of Reverse Lend Lease assistance except where security requires that the Government which would furnish such assistance not be informed concerning the particular activity or operation.

William J. Donovan
Director

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16, 1945
Board of Review
V Conduct Dr. Carroll

10 May 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
Lt. C. A. Bane
Executive Office

Expenses Incurred by Dr. E. Carroll Condict

There is returned herewith, bearing the Director's approval and the opinion of the General Counsel, the original of your memorandum of 27 April 1945 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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27 April 1945

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To: Director

Subject: Expenses Incurred by Dr. E. Carroll Condict

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached request from Col. Hutcheson for the reimbursement to Dr. E. Carroll Condict of \$176.00 for out of pocket expenses during a 41 day period while Dr. Condict was awaiting transportation to the Far East.
2. The payment of a per diem or of daily living expenses to OSS personnel while they are in Washington awaiting transportation overseas is forbidden by General Order 75-9. Accordingly, in the usual case, the Board would not be prepared to recommend that any exception be made. In the case of Dr. Condict, however, his salary while serving in the United States was evidently placed deliberately at the low figure of \$2500 in accordance with his wish to be compensated for his living expenses and nothing further. The request for additional reimbursement therefore represents, not so much a request for per diem, as a request for a revision of the estimate of the amount needed by Dr. Condict to compensate him for his Washington expenses.
3. The Board of Review therefore recommends that you approve Col. Hutcheson's request for reimbursement to Dr. Condict and the allocation of the required amount of unvouchered funds therefor.

For the Board

approved 5/8/45
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C. A. Bane
Lt., USNR

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Attention:

The Board of Review
Lt. C. A. Bane
Executive Office

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9 May 1948

Security Office Investigative Agreements

There is attached herewith the original of your memorandum of 5 May 1948 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

Please observe that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

6 May 1945

approved 5/6/45
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To: The Director
 Subject: Security Office Investigative Agreements

1. The Contract Division of Procurement and Supply Branch has referred to the Board of Review and it has discussed with representatives of the Security Office, the attached requisitions calling for the renewal during the fiscal year 1945-1946 of three outstanding contracts with investigative organizations. These three are the Retail Credit Company, The Hooper-Holmes Bureau and Dun & Bradstreet.

2. The Board of Review questioned the Security Office representatives to make certain that the renewal contracts will be in such form as to correlate the amount of payments made thereunder with the number of cases investigated. The Board of Review had in mind that the second fiscal year may see a decrease in the number of new personnel joining OSS and a consequent falling off in the amount of investigation performed by these companies. The contractual arrangements seem to anticipate this event, if it occurs, since the Retail Credit Company and Hooper-Holmes contracts call for payment on an hourly basis, and Dun & Bradstreet on an individual case rate. A memorandum indicating total and average costs during the year 1944 and the first two months of 1945 is attached.

3. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the renewal of the three contracts in question and the allocation of the required amount of .002 funds therefor, such funds being necessary in view of certain legal limitations which would prevent the use of .001 funds.

For the Board of Review

G. A. Bane
 Lieut., USNR
 Member

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12 April 1945

Mr. A. van Buren
Security Office

The costs of the cases investigated for the year 1944 are listed below by the different companies:

	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>Average Cost</u>
Retail Credit	\$118,248.08	5180	\$ 23.05
Dun & Bradstreet	81,078.00	2557	30.00 and 35.00
Hooper-Holmes	105,964.38	1902	55.96
L. G. Duke	100,252.73	986	101.69
	<u>\$405,543.19</u>	<u>10475</u>	<u>38.71</u>

There are also listed below the cost and the number of cases investigated from the first of January through February in all cases except L. G. Duke, which is listed through March:

Retail Credit	11,134.23	538	20.69
Dun & Bradstreet	8,189.00	257	30.00 and 35.00
Hooper-Holmes	8,606.34	263	32.72
L. G. Duke	29,334.63	190	117.34
	<u>\$57,264.20</u>	<u>1226</u>	

The L. G. Duke average cost is decreasing a little from the third quarter of 1944. The Hooper-Holmes average cost of \$32.72 is still decreasing from the \$30.00 average for the last six months of 1944. Retail Credit average cost is a little below the 1944 average.

B. L. Jackson

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Attention: The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
Space at Georgetown University

Board of Review
3 May 1945

Attached herewith is the original of
your memorandum of 3 May 1945 to the Director,
together with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the
General Counsel and the approval of the Direc-
tor appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's Files ✓
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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3 May 1945

To: Director

Subject: Space at Georgetown University

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached memorandum from the Chief, Reproduction Branch, requesting approval for the acquisition of 4000 square feet of space at Georgetown University at a price of \$1.25 per square foot.
2. This space is intended to be used for the installation and operation of a microfilm enlarging unit for which the Board had recommended approval on 3 February, 1945 and which the Acting Director had approved on 7 February, 1945.
3. The proposed space at Georgetown University will be adjacent to that presently being used by HQ Branch for its operations and Major Lefebvre has assured the Board that there will be ample security protection.
4. In view of the present space situation in OSS, the Board believes that the request by the Reproduction Branch is reasonable. Accordingly it recommends that you approve the request and the allocation of the required amount of \$5,000 from vouchered funds therefor.

For the Board,

J. S. Morgan

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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DATE 12 MAY 1945

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At Captain Morgan's request.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Louis Ream
Col. W. I. Rehn

FROM: General Donovan

SUBJECT: Finance Branch

Referring to the organizational changes recently directed with respect to finances, I have asked the Board of Review to examine the entire situation now presented and to make recommendations to me with respect to any new policy matters, questions of controls, etc., which may result from this change.

Once you have examined this question and made your tentative plans, I therefore should like you to take the matter up with the Board.

W. J. D.

cc: Board of Review
Lt. Putzell
Mr. Sulloway

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 y "Orders from Tokyo"
 2 May 1945

The Board of Review
 Lt. C. A. Bane
 Executive Office

Expenditure for "Orders from Tokyo".

Your memorandum of 27 April 1945
 to the Director, having received his appro-
 val and the affirmative opinion of the
 General Counsel, is herewith returned to
 you, together with your file on the above
 subject.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
 Lieut. (jg), USNR
 Acting Executive
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cc: Director's Files ✓
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

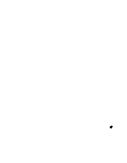
27 April 1945

To: Director

Subject: Expenditure for "Orders From Tokyo"

1. The Board of Review has considered and discussed with Lt. English the attached request for approval of a budget of \$15,000 for the production of the motion picture "Orders From Tokyo."
2. It is understood by the Board of Review that this film will be based for the most part upon photography already accomplished by Captain Griffin, formerly with Field Photographic Branch and later on assignment in the Philippines with President Osmena.
3. The principal expenditures in the requested budget relate to the transmutation of Captain Griffin's 16 mm. film into 35 mm. technicolor, and the preparation of a music score for the entire picture. A possible saving on the latter item could be effected by the use of canned music, but it is the opinion of Lt. English that the picture would thereby be less effective.
4. Lt. English has pointed out to the Board that there is a possibility of the film being commercially distributed after it has been produced. Whether or not such arrangements are made, however, production of the film would seem to be justifiable for the purposes of this agency.
5. The Board accordingly recommends that you approve the attached budget of \$15,000 for "Orders from Tokyo" and the allocation of the required amount of vouchered funds therefor. It further recommends that if and when commercial distribution of the film becomes a possibility, appropriate contractual arrangements be made whereby appropriate reimbursement will be made by the commercial interests to the United States Government.

For the Board



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Lt., USNR
Member

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Board of Review
Attention: J. S. Morgan, Chairman

21 July 1945

Executive Office

Contract for Disguises - Javaman Project

There is returned herewith the original of your memorandum of 20 July 1945 to the Director together with your file on the above subject.

Please note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lt. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

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CC: Director's Files ✓
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

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20 July 1945

To: The Director

Subject: Contract for Disguises - Javaman Project

1. There is attached a request from the Special Projects Office for approval for \$25,500 from vouchered funds for the Javaman Project. This amount, which is intended to be spent with the Dunphy Boat Corp. of Oshkosh, Wis., is for the procurement of camouflage and disguise materials for the Javaman boats. The Special Projects Office has represented that there is no possible source for these materials other than procurement from civilian sources with OSS funds.
2. The Board of Review recommends that you approve the request on the understanding, with which the Special Projects Office is in agreement, that this amount will be charged against the allotment to the Special Projects Office from funds available for the fiscal year 1945-46.
3. The Board further recommends, as the Special Projects Office has requested, that vouchered funds be used, but care should be taken in the drawing of the contract to make certain that the nature of the project is not revealed.

For the Board of Review,

J. S. Morgan
Chairman

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No legal objection to Board's
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Office of General Counsel 7/21/45

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Board of Review
Attention: J. B. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

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14 July 1945

Javaman Project - \$7,000 Additional Special Funds.

Returned herewith is a copy of your memorandum of
27 June 1945 to the Acting Director on the above subject.

You will note that the approval of the Acting
Director for the use of unvouchered funds providing the sum
requested is charged to 1944-1945 budget appears on the
face of the copy attached hereto.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

CC: Director's Files ✓
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General Counsel

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SECRET**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.**JLS/dp
13 July 1945

TO: The Director, OSS (Attention Mr. Cheston)
FROM: Chief, Special Projects Office
SUBJECT: \$7,000 - Special Funds

1. A request for \$7,000 was placed with the Board of Review about three weeks ago. The Board approved and strongly recommended allocation of this amount to the Director's office on the basis that this is for moneys and expenses incurred prior to the close of the last fiscal year.

2. Originally we placed a request for \$15,000, and we were allowed \$8,000 of this amount. At the time the \$15,000 was requested we definitely determined that it would take \$15,000 to end the fiscal year - for per diem, etc. We still need the \$7,000 to pay per diem. (Mr. Dimond presently is holding over \$2,000 in expense accounts (per diem) which he cannot pay because we have no money in Special Funds.)

John M. Shaheen
JOHN M. SHAHEEN
Lt. Comdr., USNR

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The Board of Review
Attention: Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office
Javaman Project

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✓ Campbell report
31 May 1945
(Javaman)

Returned herewith is the original
of your memorandum of 24 May 1945 to the
Acting Director, together with your file
on the above subject.

You will find on the second page
of your memorandum the opinion of the
General Counsel and the approval (with stated
exceptions) of the Assistant Director.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Assistant Executive
Officer

cc: Director's File
Secretariat
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D.C.

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24 May 1945.

TO: Acting Director
 SUBJECT: Javanan Project

1. The Board of Review has considered the attached request from the Special Projects Office for a total of \$35,000 of vouchered funds and a total of \$15,000 of special funds to be used on Project "Javanan" for the balance of the current fiscal year. The Board has been informed that Col. Sigelov approves these requests.
2. The \$15,000 of unvouchered funds is to be used primarily for payment of per diem to approximately 30 army officers now stationed at the Javanan base in St. Petersburg. Under army regulations, per diem is not allowed after 30 days temporary duty in the U.S., on the assumption that at the end of such time an army officer will have been able to find adequate army housing and messing facilities. These conditions do not obtain in St. Petersburg and a per diem seems to be justified in view of necessary duty which these officers must perform at the base, away from their permanent duty station, pending the dispatch of the project equipment. The amount of special funds required for per diem until the end of the current fiscal year will be approximately \$35,000, and it is intended that the remaining \$7,000 will constitute a reserve fund to be used in part for operating expenses of the base and in part for unforeseen contingencies.
3. The vouchered funds requested, in a total amount of \$15,000, are to be used for the most part for the procurement of supplies and services and for the conduct of an experiment involving the use of submarine cable to determine the extent to which targets for the operation can be located with accuracy. A \$5,000 fund has also been added for purchases of supplies not now anticipated or for costs of materials over and above normal allowances. These funds, being vouchered, will of course be expended in accordance with all applicable

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laws and regulations.

4. Representatives of the Board of Review have recently visited the St. Petersburg base for the "Javaman" project and participated in a trial operation from St. Petersburg, Fla. The Board's representatives were impressed with the progress which had been made on this project and the ability and seriousness with which it is being developed. The possibilities seem to be excellent and though certain problems, particularly those of camouflage, remain to be worked on, the main problem of the actual control of the project seem to have been met to a high degree of perfection.

5. The Board of Review accordingly recommends that you approve the attached request and the allocation of the required amount of \$28,000 of vouchered funds and \$15,000 of unvouchered funds.

The Board of Review,

*[Signature]*J. S. Morgan
Chairman

Approval is given in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Review with the following exceptions:

Funds to be allocated from vouchered funds \$28,000 instead of \$33,000, and from unvouchered funds \$8,000 instead of \$15,000. As explained to the Chairman of the Board of Review, I have serious reservations about establishing a reserve fund at this time, which in this case amounts to \$12,000. The additional money can be made available, if needed, upon request by the Special Projects Office to the Board of Review.

When Javaman gets TOS and it is to be used in a given theater, different considerations may arise prompting a review of the matter.

Charles B. Cheston
Assistant Director

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Board of Review
Vietnam Project

5 May 1945

Attention:

The Board of Review
Mr. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Executive Office

Campbell Project

There is attached herewith the original of your memorandum of 3 May 1945 to the Director, together with your file on the above subject.

You will note that the opinion of the General Counsel and the approval of the Director appear on the face of your memorandum.

E. J. Putzall, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

cc: Director's File ✓
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

3 May 1945

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To: Director
Subject: Campbell Project

1. The Board of Review has considered with representatives of the Special Projects Office and of the Procurement and Supply Division the attached two requests for certain equipment for the Campbell Project. The first in the amount of \$15,593.61 is for 17 flux gate systems which constitute an essential control system installed in the missile itself. These have already been contracted for and delivered and confirmation of contract is requested at this time. The other request is for the cost of parts at a total cost of \$2300 which will constitute the support inside the missile for the explosive charge.
2. The Board of Review is agreed that these items are necessary for the operation of the project and accordingly recommends that you approve them and the allocation of the required amount of vouchered funds therefor.
3. In order to obviate the necessity for approval of individual items of equipment in the future, the Board of Review has requested the Special Projects Office to prepare for it a budget covering the total amount required by it until June 30 for services, supplies, and other items calling for expenditure of OSS funds, whether vouchered or unvouchered. Upon receipt of this estimate, the Board will make it the subject of a recommendation to you.

For the Board

[Signature]
J. S. Morgan

Chairman

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Approved

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no legal objection
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